

North Carolina,)

: Before the Clerk of Superior Court.

Catawba County.)

To all whom these presents shall come - GREETING:

It being satisfactorily proven to the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for Catawba County, that Carl J. Wezen, late of said County, is dead having made and published his last will and testament, and it appearing that Augusta A. Wezen is entitled to be Executrix of the estate of said deceased, and having qualified as Executrix according to law:

Now, these are therefore to empower the said Executrix to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, and the same to take into possession wheresoever to be found, and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay and satisfy, and the residue of said estate to distribute according to law.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of December, 1903.

L. H. Phillips, C. S. C.

Will of A. Y. Sigmon.

North Carolina,)

Catawba County.)

I, Aaron Y. Sigmon, of the aforesaid county and State being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament.

1. My Executors hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses this including the erection of such a monument as shall be chosen by my wife in keeping with my means.

2. I direct my Executors to sell and convey as soon as may be either at public or private sale in whole or in parts any, or all of what is known as my Baker's Mountain lands and also my land lying near Hildebrand known as the Benton Forge lands also my houses and lots in Hildebrand, except the house and lot where my son Swan E. Sigmon now lives which will be herein after devised together with all machinery stock, tools, lumber or any other property upon or using in connection with said lands and out of the proceeds, pay all just debts which I may be owing, if any indebtedness still remains it is to be discharged out of any other funds on hand and if any surplus is over it is to become a part of the estate, generally and provided that before all said property is sold any contracts for lumber which I may have made shall be completed.

3. I give and devise to my beloved wife, Agnes Sigmon, for the term of her natural life, my residence on Lincolnton Street in Hickory, N. C., and the Blacksmith^{shop} Lot across Street and the two small servants Houses immediately North of the garden with sufficient land for an outlet to the Street and for wood yard. I also bequeath to her for life all furniture and fittings in my residence in order that she may have a home both for herself and our unmarried children. I further devise to her for life the following houses and lots in Hickory one at the corner of a cross street running into Newton Street which J. Z. Alexander now occupies, another on Newton Street which Mrs. Bettie McGuire now occupies another on same Street which E. C. Holden now occupies another joining occupied by J. Monroe Sigmon, another on Lincolnton Street, which Frank Jones now occupies, another on same Street farther East

adjoining the land of J. P. Winkler now occupied by Mrs. Sherrill (Col) another joining now occupied by Tillman Crider the foregoing to be in lieu of her dower or third of my real Estate. I direct my Executors to expend if necessary as much as Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for repairs upon my said residence the same to be paid out of my general estate.

4. I hereby devise and bequeath to my said wife Agnes and to my children Swan E. Maud, Georgie, McKinley, Sadie and Dewey Hobson share and share alike the same

of my estate both real and personal except that I devise to my son Swan E., the house and lot at Hildebrand's where he now lives and I fix a valuation thereon of Three Hundred Dollars which amount is to be deducted from his share in the estate and if I or my estate shall be required to pay a certain note for Five Hundred Dollars, ^{which} I have endorsed for him or any renewal thereof then this also is to be charged against his share. I do not think it best to undertake an actual partition of my property and I therefore fully empower my executors to sell all property Real and Personal not hereinbefore divided or bequeathed either at public or private sale as they may deem most advantageous, and upon such terms as they may think best and after paying all expenses including a reasonable compensation to them they shall pay over to my said wife and such children as are of age their respective shares and loan the remainder upon good securities and use the income of each child for its support and education or more in case of sickness and pay over the principle share to each child as it becomes twenty one years of age, provided that if any child marries before coming of age my executors may advance such child a part of its share in their discretion.

5. I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Agnes Sigmon and my Brother John L. Sigmon my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes serving without bond to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the said Aaron Y. Sigmon, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of October, A. D., 1903.

Aaron Y. Sigmon, (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Aaron Y. Sigmon, to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

WITNESSES:

S. E. Killian.

J. D. Winkler.

WILL OF SARAH RHYNE FINGER.

It is my desire that Alice Pegram Mason have my dinner set of silver knives and forks with my name on them, also one of my nice quilts, called Rocky Mountains and a white bed spread called cat-track. That Ida Pegram Rankin have my diamond breast pin and ear bobs, also one set silver tea-spoons with my name on them. That Laura Pegram Reinhardt have one set of silver soup spoons with my name on them, also one quilt called sunflower, that was my mother's.

That Edna Pegram Barclay have one set of silver after dinner coffee spoons with my name on them, also one white bed spread (Marsails quilt) that her mother gave me, and my easel and the picture on it.

That Jennie Rhyme Lowe have one set of supper silver knives and forks with my name on them, also one white bed spread called cat-track.

That Lula Rhyme Adams have my silver soup ladle with my name on it, also one nice quilt called Treble-Irish-chain.

That Sarah Gracie Adams have my silver candle sticks, silver purse, gold thimble and my yellow ribbon work bag, and its contents.

That Bertie Rhyme have my gold match.

That Wixie Rhyme and Beulah Rhyme have my Piano.

The pictures of my Father and Mother be given to Sam L. Rhyme if he ever marries, if not to Dick or Fred Rhyme which ever one lives in the old brick house in Gaston County.

That my wearing apparel all be given to my dear Sister Julietta Rhyme Pegram, if she be living, if not to her daughter to be divided among them as they wish.

March 4, 1896.

Sarah Rhyme Finger.

Since writing the above I learn that Bertie Rhyme has a watch, so instead of the watch I will her my two silver pepper boxes, two salt stands and their spoons and also my sugar spoon, and I will to Mary Rowe my gold watch.

I will to my sister all my mantle and bureaus ornaments, all my embroidery and dram-work table covers and other articles, jewelry, etc., I want Sam Rhyme to have the knit Afghan, and the plain ring on my finger.

Sarah Rhyme Finger.