

Portrait of Barbara Sherman's Will

State of Wash. County  
Catawba County

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Barbara A. Sherman, dead, is exhibited before me the undersigned and for said County, by R. P. Richards the Assessor therein mentioned. And the due execution thereof by the said Barbara A. Sherman is proven by the oath and examination of J. D. Peas and James H. C. Herrin the subscribing witnesses thereof who being duly sworn both depose and say that each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to a paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Barbara A. Sherman, that the said Barbara A. Sherman in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name to the end of said paper writing, and which was done on the 13 day of May 1884.

And the Deponent further saith That the said Barbara A. Hemmety, the said testator's spouse, did, at the time of subscribing her name as co-sponsor declare the said paper writing, co-sponsor, subscribed by her, to be established to be the last will & testament And this Deponent did thereupon subscribe & subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request & assent in the presence of the said testator And this Deponent further saith That at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will as co-sponsor, and at the time of Deponent's subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto as co-sponsor the said Barbara A. Hemmety was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the making of disposition or belief of this Deponent.

And further these deposits day now  
from our subscribers A Great deal  
day of July 1888 I am sure yours truly

Adam Weir's Will.

I, Adam Dyer this 31<sup>st</sup> August 1860 by this my will made in Hillobro. dispose of my estate as follows:

At give to my sister Virginia C. Wren 1000. with interest from the day of my decease provided that I do not pay within three years from said day she shall have 4000 with interest from said day.

I give to my said Sister All the Real estate I now have or shall Acquire in the County of Andover in the State of Missouri in the following Townships: Viz: in T. fifty One (51) North of R. Five (5) W. in S. 3 T. fifty Two (52) North of R. Two (3) W. in S. fifty One (51) North of R. Six (6) W. in S. fifty Two (52) of R. Six (6) W. in S. fifty (50) N. of R. Seven (7) W. in S. fifty One (51) N. of R. Seven (7) W. & in S. fifty Two (52) N. of R. Seven (7) W. I give to my Sister Catharine D Collins All the Real estate I now have or shall Acquire in Andover County in the following Townships, Viz: in S. fifty (50) N. of R. Eight (8) W. in S. fifty One (51) North of R. Eight (8) W. in S. fifty Two (52) N. of R. Eight (8) W. in S. fifty Three (53) N. of R. Eight (8) W. in S. fifty (50) N. of R. Nine (9) W. & in S. fifty One (51) N. of R. Nine (9) W.

I give to my Sister Charlotte A. Sumo. all the real estate I now have or shall acquire in the County of Andover in the following Townships: Viz; in T. 44- Towns (2) of R. 11 and 9 W. in T. 44- Towns (33) N. of R. 11 and 9 W. in T. 44- (37) N. of R. 10 and (10) W. in T. 44- and (57) N. of R. 10 and (10) W. & in 2 parts Towns (32) N. of R. 10 and 9 W.

I give to my brother P. H. Ware All the real estate I now have or shall acquire in Anderson County in the Townships not above specified And Also all the real estate I now have or shall acquire in the County of Boone in the State of Missouri in the following Townships: viz. in T. fifty seven (57) N. of R. Eighteen (18) W. in T. fifty eight (58) N. of R. Eighteen (18) W. in T. fifty nine (59) N. of R. Eighteen (18) W. and in T. sixty (60) N. of R. Eighteen (18) W.

I give to my niece Mary Burns 29 acs. All  
the real estate I now have or shall acquire in  
Linn County in the Townships following viz.  
on T. fifty Seven (37) N of R Nineteen (19) W in E.  
forty eight (38) N of R Nineteen (19) W in T. fifty seven



# The State of North Carolina

Proof of

Adam Mear's  
Will

To C. M. Overman, C. J. of the County,  
of the State of Ohio, Greeting:

We, deposing special Trust and Confidence  
in your integrity, do authorize & empower  
you to cause John A. Smith to appear  
before you at such time and place as you  
may appoint and on oath to examine  
touching all such matters and things as he  
shall know of and concerning the proof of  
the enclosed paper writing purporting to be the  
last will and testament of Adam Mear decd.,

And the deposition in writing, by you so  
taken, the same to transmit, sealed with your  
seal to the Clerk of the Superior Court of  
Catawba County.

Witness R. H. Hoyle, Clerk of said  
Court at Office in Newton Catawba County,  
27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1885

R. H. Hoyle

## Testimony of Witness to Will.

In the matter of the Last will and Testament  
of Adam Mear decd., I, C. M. Overman  
Clerk of the Superior Court duly appointed  
and commissioned by the Court of the State  
of North Carolina, to take the  
testimony of John A. Smith, of the Last will  
of Adam Mear decd., late resident of said  
County of Catawba in the State of North Carolina  
which Commission and the said will can both  
be proved, I do hereby certify, that in person  
and by said Commission I caused John  
A. Smith, subscribing witness as aforesaid to  
come personally before me at Hillsborough  
Ohio, Ohio, being by me first duly sworn ac-  
cording to law, to speak the truth, the whole  
truth and nothing but the truth, concern-  
ing his relation to the execution of said  
will and says that he was present

at the making of said will both attached,  
marked "A" and at the request of the deceased  
subscribed his name to said will in witness  
the presence of the dead and bench witness that  
they saw the said Adam Mear, deceased, sign and  
seal said will and heard him acknowledge the  
same to be his last will & testament, that the said  
Adam Mear, decd., was, at the time of making  
signing and sealing said last will & testament,  
of legal age of sound mind and memory and under no  
undue or unlawful restraint whatever.

John A. Smith

I, C. M. Overman, do further testify that the  
said testimony was reduced to writing by myself  
in the presence of said witness and subscribed  
by said witness in my presence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
Aug. A.D. 1885

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand  
and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1885

C. M. Overman, Clerk  
Commissioner

## The State of North Carolina.

To Any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace of County  
Illinoise Greeting:

We, deposing special Trust and Confidence  
in your integrity, do authorize and empower  
you to cause E. F. Clayton of said town and  
State to appear before you at such time and place  
as you may appoint and on oath to examine  
touching all such matters and things as he  
shall know of and concerning the proof of a paper  
writing purporting to be the last will and testament  
of Adam Mear decd. And the deposition in writing  
by you so taken, the same to transmit, sealed with  
your seal to the Clerk of the Superior Court for  
Catawba County, N.C.

Witness R. H. Hoyle, Clerk of said Court at Office  
in Newton Catawba County N.C. 27<sup>th</sup> July 1885  
R. H. Hoyle, Clerk

State of Illinois }  
White County } So.

Proof of  
Adam Mow  
Will

Be it remembered that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. A.D. 1885 personally, Came before me a Notary Public in and for said County & State, W. F. Clayton residing at Carmi in said County, and on being by me first duly sworn, says that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866, the being then a resident of Hillsborough Ohio, he, at the request and by the solicitation of Adam Mow, affixed his name as a witness to the last will and testament of said Adam Mow, knowing it to be such at the time, and further by having the original will before him with his name affixed, recognized it as such and hereby certifies and declares the name of W. F. Clayton as thereon appears to be his own and affixed by his own hand.

W. F. Clayton

Subscribed and sworn before me  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1885  
Notary Public

North Carolina } Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> 1885  
Caswell County }

From the foregoing evidence of John A. Smith and W. F. Clayton, the foregoing paper, being shown to be the last will and testament of Adam Mow dead. The same is therefore admitted to protocol and recorded.

P. H. Hogle Notary

See further proceedings concerning the Administration of said estate of Adam Mow on Book Appointments of Executors.

Moses Hawn's Will

In the name of God Almighty, I Moses Hawn of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that to wit: Say:

First that my Executor herein after named provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereunto and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I will and bequeath to my two brothers John Hawn and Abner Hawn all my land to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple for ever and that they shall together pay to my sister ten dollars to each one viz, Hannah Settleman and Delilah Hawn, Sarah Taylor Barbara Hawn, and I further will that two sisters now living with me Barbara and Delilah Hawn shall have a home on the plantation during their life term and that they also shall have a years provisions out of the provisions on hand at my death and I further will that my sister Boston Hawn shall have a cow & calf her choice.

I also further will that my two sisters Boston and Delilah Hawn have each two hogs out of my stock their choice.

I also will that my two sisters Boston and Delilah Hawn have two cups for their stock for one winter. My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts collected and if there be any surplus over and above the payment of debts and expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided between my four sisters Hannah Settleman