

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of Alexander Clark.

In the name of God amen, I Alexander Clark of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being in a state of good health and of sound mind and memory; considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore, make and publish, ordain and declare this is to be my last will and testament., That is to say,

First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the remainder of my Estate, Real and Personal, I give and bequeath as follows:

Item first, I will and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Jas. Alanson White as Trustee and in trust for the use of my beloved wife, Harriet Atwood Clark all of my real estate, consisting of two hundred and forty eight acres of land (the tract on which I now live) being, and lyin in the County and State above named, to be hers and her heirs forever. I give unto my beloved wife Harriet A. the power to sell and convey the aforesaid land under the advise and consent of said J. A. White, or Executor of this my last Will and Testament provided elsewhere.

Item two, I give and bequeath unto my wife Harriet A. all my personal property, consisting of horses, cattle the right to sell under the advise and consent of said J. A. White or Executor.

Item 3., I give and bequeath unto my wife Harriet A. the the Policy which I now hold on Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance company No. _____ also all the wheat, corn and bacon and other necessaries that may be on hand at my decease.

And lastly I do appoint my Brother-in-law Jas. A. White my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes. In case of the death or removal of said J. A. White I do hereby ordain and appoint my beloved cousin A. Percy Clark my Executor to act as Treas. & Exr. in place of J. A. White to execute this my last Will and Testament.

This June 26-1877.

Alex Clark (Seal)

North Carolina,) : In the Superior Court.
Catawba County)

In the matter of the Will
of Alexander Clark.

J. A. White, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that a paper-writing without subscribing witness, purporting to be the last will and testament of Alexander Clark, deceased, was lodged in his hands for safe keeping as the last will and testament of the said Alexander Clark, and

that said paper has remained in his hands, for the purpose aforesaid, until after the death of the said Clark.

F. A. Sherrill, J. A. Sherrill and C. W. Brown, each being duly sworn, deposes and says, each for himself: that he is acquainted with the hand-writing of the said Alexander Clark, having often seen him write, and that his said hand-writing is generally known to the acquaintances of said Alexander Clark, and that he verily believes that the name of the said Alexander Clark subscribed to said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the hand-writing of the said Alexander Clark.

F. A. Sherrill,

J. A. Sherrill

C. W. Brown.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 15th day of Nov, 1906.

R. L. Huffman, Deputy C. S. C.

North Carolina,) In the Superior Court.
Catawba County)

In the matter of the
Will of Alexander Clark.

A paper-writing, without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of Alexander Clark, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by J. A. White, the executor therein named; and it is thereupon proven, by the oath and examination of J. A. White that the said will was lodged in his hands for safe-keeping, by the said Alexander Clark, deceased; and from that time to the present the said paper has been in his possession for the purpose aforesaid; and it is further proven by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to-wit: F. A. Sherrill, J. A. Sherrill and C. W. Brown that they are acquainted with the hand-writing of the said Alexander Clark, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said Alexander Clark, subscribed to said will, and that the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said Alexander Clark; and it is further proven by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Alexander Clark.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper-writing is the last will and testament of the said Alexander Clark, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

L. H. Phillips, Clerk, by

This the 15th day of Nov. 1906.

R. L. Huffman, Deputy.