

Will of Alexander Hamilton Houston

This is the last Will and Testament of me Alexander Hamilton Houston of Catawba, Catawba Co. North Carolina. I direct that all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses be duly paid and satisfied by my Executor hereinafter named, as conveniently as may be after my decease. I give and devise and bequeath all my household furniture, wearing apparel, china and silver ware, also all and every sum and sums of money, which may be found in my house; or be due my person, or due to me, at the time of my decease; and also all funds and securities for money due me on bonds, notes, or other securities and also and every other my estate and effects, whatever, and whatsoever, whether in possession or possession, remainder or expectancy unto my brother Sidney Houston, and the survivors of him and the executors and administrators of each and survivors and administrators of each of such administrators when trust, as conveniently as may be after my decease to get, get in, and receive such part thereof as shall consist of money or securities for money, and to sell, dispose of and convert into money, all other parts of my real and personal estate; either by public auction, or private sale, as my Executor deems right, Excepting my Specimens gold pins; my true Bladed pocket-knife; my Colt Revolver and my Piece Medical Adversary; which I bequeath to my friend Joseph A. Sleasman.

And I direct that the receipt of my Executor for the purchase money of my real or personal estate shall be good and sufficient discharge to the purchasers thereof and that such purchaser shall not be obliged to see to the application thereof. And I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint Ceptha Ulrich Land, Executor of this my Will. And I do hereby declare that myself, Executor and the survivor of him; and the Executor and administrator of each survivor shall and may at all times out of the first moneys that may come to come to this or either of his hands, reimburse and indemnify themselves respectively; for all such cost, damage, charges, and expenses, or either of them may be put to or sustain in the execution of this trust of this my will and that ~~much~~ of them shall be an miracle which shall be answerable for any law

which shall happen to the said trust, And I hereby revoke all other wills by me made, I do declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I the said Alexander Hamilton Houston have to this my last Will set my hand this 25th day of Decr in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.

Signed by the Testator

Signature of the Testator } Alexander Hamilton Houston
A. H. Houston

And acknowledged by him to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the time and subscribed by us in the presence of each other.

And acknowledged by him to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the time and subscribed by us in the presence of the said Testator and of each of us.

Attesting Witnesses
R. E. Trevelin,
J. P. Herriman,

What I mean to say is to sell everything that I have and give brother Sidney Houston nothing but money.
A. H. Houston.

State of North Carolina, ss. In the Superior Court of Catawba County }
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A. H. Houston (decd) is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Ceptha Ulrich Land, the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said A. H. Houston proved by oath and examination of R. E. Trevelin & J. P. Herriman, the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. We do hereby duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A. H. Houston, that the said A. H. Houston, in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid,

and which bears date of the 25th day of November 1899.

And the deponent further saith, That the said C. H. Houston, the Testator aforesaid, did at the same time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing to be subscribed by him, and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. ~~XXXXXX~~
And this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said C. H. Houston was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent.

And further these deponents say, not.

R. E. Trepier

J. H. Hermon

Severally sworn to and subscribed
this 26th day of March 1900,

L. H. Philips

C. S. C.

North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court
Catawba County

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writings and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of C. H. Houston dec'd.
Let the Will and Testament, ~~xxx~~ together with the Probate, be recorded and filed.

This 26th day of March 1900

L. H. Philips

C. S. C.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court,
Catawba County

~~XXXXXX~~ A paper-writing without subscribing witnesses attached to the last will and Testament of C. H. Houston dec'd, purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of the said C. H. Houston dec'd, is exhibited for Probate in open Court, by J. M. Long, Executor therein named, and it is ~~therefore~~ proved by the oath and examination of J. M. Long, that the said Codicil was formed among the valuable papers of the said C. H. Houston, after his death, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent ^{and credible} witnesses, to wit, J. D. Hermon, W. B. Clithro & E. R. Best, that they are acquainted with the hand-writing of the said C. H. Houston having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said C. H. Houston subscribed to the said Codicil, and the said Codicil itself and every part thereof is in the hand of the said C. H. Houston, and it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said hand-writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the said C. H. Houston.
It is therefore considered - by the Court that the said paper-writing is a Codicil to the last will and Testament of the said C. H. Houston, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed with the last will and Testament of the said C. H. Houston.

J. D. Hermon
W. B. Clithro
E. R. Best.

Sworn to and Subscribed }
before me this March 26th 1900. }
L. H. Philips C. S. C.