

Debate of Will of Martha J. Beasley
Will of North Carolina & on the Superior Court
Catawba County

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Martha J. Bradley, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of said County, by R. B. White the executor thereof mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Martha Bradley, is proven by the oath and affirmation of James T. Cobb the subscribing witness thereto, who being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha J. Bradley; that the said Martha J. Bradley, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which was shown as aforesaid and which bore date of 21st of March 1866. And the deponent further saith, that the said Martha J. Bradley, the testatrix aforesaid, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declared the said paper writing to be her last will and testament, and exhibiting her name as aforesaid, and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testatrix declared her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Martha J. Bradley was of sound mind & memory of full age to execute a will. And was not under any restraint - to the knowledge or information or belief of this deponent; and further this deponent does

J. V. Cobb (over)

Given Under Subscrip^t
the 1st Day of Nov. 1626

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State of North Carolina } August 18th 1886
Catawba County, }

I Benjamin Robinson Being of sound mind and memory and knowing the certainty of death do publish this to be my last will and testament in the manner and from following first my will is that my Executor here in after mentioned shall provide a suitable burial for my body to the wish of my friends and pay all my just debts, to w^hever owing first My will is that my half Sisters Ming Gross, and Jane Hoffman shall have one dollar a piece and all my interest in the lands to my brother Alexander Robinson and all my personal property to said Alexander Robinson, that he shall well and properly take care of my wife Fanny Robinson as long as she lives, and at her death shall provide a suitable burial for her body according to the wish of her friends this is the manner it is to be carried out I do here by constitute and appoint Mr. Cleland Hilderbrand my lawful Executor to carry out this to all intent and purposes. If within mentioned Alexander Robinson does not take proper care of my wife Fanny Robinson this will is null and void. Signed Sealed and Delivered in presents of us

Wm Burns
Wm Hilderbrand

Benjamin Robinson
witness
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State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Catawba County,

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin Robinson, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, P. A. Hoyer, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County, by Wm. C. Hilderbrand, the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Benjamin Robinson by the oath and examination of Wm. Burns and Wm. Hilderbrand, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin Robinson. That the said Benjamin Robinson 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 on the 18 day of August 1886 (he did in the presence of this deponent acknowledge the signing the said paper writing).

And the deponent further saith that the said Benjamin Robinson the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so 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 the said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said testator 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 the said deponent saith not

Wm. Burns (dear)
Wm. Hilderbrand (here)

State of North Carolina Catawba County
July 13th 1886 I being Benjamin Robinson being of sound mind and memory and knowing the certainty of death do publish this to be my last will and testament in the manner, and from following first my will is that my Executor herein after mentioned shall provide a suitable burial for my body to the wish of my friends, and pay all my just debts to whomever owing first my will is that my Brother Wesley Hilderbrand's heirs shall have two dollars, Pierce Hilderbrand's heirs shall have two dollars, Greenhill Hilderbrand's heirs shall have two dollars, Sister Julian Hilderbrand two dollars, Sister Sallie Ramsour's heirs shall have two dollars, Sister Rita Hilderbrand shall have two dollars. Or my brother William Hilderbrand shall have me good bed, and all my share or part in the land to my dear beloved husband Benjamin Robinson as long as he lives and then after his death to my brother William Hilderbrand, This is the manner it is to be carried out.

I do here by constitute and appoint R. J. Stephens my lawful Executor to carry out this to all intent and purposes, Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us at

Wm. Burns
Wm. C. Hilderbrand

Benjamin Robinson (dear)
B. H. Hilderbrand

Benjamin Robinson
Will

Personally sworn and subscribed
this 22 day of Dec. 1886 before me
P. A. Hoyer Clerk