

Last Will & Testament of Caleb Rhodes
 State of North Carolina }
 Catawba County, }

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I, Caleb Rhodes of the County and State aforesaid, 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 is to say:

First, That my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I second; Whereas there was a certain marriage contract entered into by my beloved wife Hector and myself, bearing date November 18th A.D. 1873 duly executed in presence of Melchi Rhodes and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County in Book 2 page 63 wherein my beloved wife agreed to take a child's part instead of a dower and said contract sets forth that she is to take her share in land; Therefore, in order to better provide for her interest and wishes I will that she shall have the privilege of selecting her land at such place as she may see fit, and that she be allowed to take any portion of her said share in land and the remainder in any kind of personal property.

Third, After my beloved wife has received her share or child's part out of my real and personal property I will that the remainder of said property be equally divided between all my children in such manner as a majority of them may determine; Provided, always that all of my children who have already received an advancement be charged with the same in said division.

Fourth; I will that at the death of my beloved wife, my executor provide for her body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of the family and friends and pay all funeral expen-

ences and that her said share of property be equally divided between all my children. And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons J.M. and M.L. Rhodes together with my beloved wife, in case she desires to act, my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 29th day of August A.D. 1894.
 Caleb Rhodes ^{his} Seal

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Caleb Rhodes 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.

} Noah Huffman }
 } J. A. Hassel }

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
 Catawba County, }
 A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Caleb Rhodes, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County by J.M. Rhodes & M.L. Rhodes the Executors thereof mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Caleb Rhodes proved by the oath and examination of Noah Huffman and J.A. Hassel, the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, each depose and say, and each for himself depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him as aforesaid, purporting to be the last will and testament of Caleb Rhodes; that the said Caleb Rhodes in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of the said paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of the 29th day of August 1894.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Caleb Rhodes, 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 one end of said Will as are attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponents subscribing his name as are attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Caleb Rhodes 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

H. Hass (Seal)
Moses Huffman (Seal)

Generally sworn and subscribed
this 8th day of August, 1896 before me,

J. H. Rockitt C. C.

Last Will & Testament of Joseph L. Wood

State of North Carolina }
Catawba County }

I, Joseph L. Wood, of the above State and County, being of sound and disposing mind & memory, do make and publish this my last will & Testament.

I direct that all my just debts including my funeral expenses be paid.

I will and bequeath unto my wife Ellen Wood all of the residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed including all that may arise from my insurance policies.

I hereby constitute nominate & appoint my wife Ellen Wood my sole executrix.

Witness my hand and seal this
the second day of November One thousand Eight hundred & ninety three

Joseph L. Wood (Seal)

Witnesses
S. L. Rhyme
J. B. Little

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Catawba County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph L. Wood, deceased, is exhibited before me by Ellen Wood, the executrix therein named, and the due execution of the same, proved by the oath and examination of S. L. Rhyme and J. B. Little, the attesting witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn before me and say, and each for himself, deponent and saith, that he was called upon by the said Joseph L. Wood to attest his signature to the said Last Will and Testament.

These deponents further say that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Joseph L. Wood, having often seen him write, and that they believe the said signature and the said Will itself and every part thereof is in the proper handwriting of the said Joseph L. Wood.

S. L. Rhyme (Seal)
J. B. Little (Seal)

Generally sworn and subscribed before me this
August 17th 1896

J. H. Rockitt C. C.