

The Last Will & Testament of Catherine Hartman

In the name of God, Amen!

I, Catherine Hartman, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous of making some disposition of the property with which our all wise providence has blessed me do make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

I will and devise the plantation on which I live to my husband James Hartman during his lifetime and after his death to be sold by my executor hereinafter named and the money arising from said sale as follows:

I will to the trustees of Smyrna Church, my place of worship, one hundred dollars for the support of the Gospel at that place, interest only to the use.

I will and bequeath to Catawba College two hundred dollars.

I will and bequeath to the board of foreign missions of the Reformed Church in the United States fifty dollars.

I will and bequeath to the classes of North Carolina fifty dollars for the benefit of home missions.

The balance of all my property I will and bequeath unto my brothers and sisters' children share and share alike and in case any are dead their children to come up and take their share.

I hereby appoint my friend J. C. Clapp the executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto placed my hand and seal this 26th day of Jan. 1888

Catherine Hartman (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published in presence of us,

M. L. M. Corkle
J. M. Brown

State of North Carolina } ss In the Superior Court
Catawba County

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Catherine Hartman deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by J. C. Clapp, the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Catherine Hartman proved by the oath and examination of M. L. M. Corkle and J. M. Brown, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, do 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 & Testament of Catherine Hartman; that the said Catherine Hartman, the testatrix aforesaid, in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of the said paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of the 26th day of Jan. 1888.

And the deponent further says, that the said Catherine Hartman, the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited, to be her 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 testatrix. And this deponent further says, that at the time when said testatrix signed her name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's signing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Catherine Hartman 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 the deponent. And further these deponents say not.

M. L. M. Corkle Seal
J. M. Brown Seal

Generally sworn and
subscribed this 28th day
of July 1896 before me
J. W. Rockwell c. c.

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