

Will of D. H. Carpenter

State of North Carolina;

Catawba County;

Being of Sound Mind and knowing the Certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, I do make this my last Will and Testament in the name of God Amen.

1st After giving my body a decent burial and paying all my just debts.

2nd I bequeath and give unto my beloved wife, Sallie Carpenter all my personal and real estate during her natural life not hereafter disposed of, and after her death said property that she inherits by this Will to revert back to the Carpenters mess of heirs.

3rd I hereby bequeath and give to the Trustees of Matthews Reformed Church and their successors in office one fourth acre of land to include the graves of Joseph Carpenter and Elizabeth Carpenter.

4th I hereby bequeath and give unto my trusty friend Allen O. Probst fifteen acres of land to be taken off of the North East Side of the Levi Carpenter place so as to include the home he now lives in.

5th I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Sallie Carpenter to be my lawful Executrix to execute this Will to all intents and purposes.

I declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

This 16th June 1899.

Witness: D. P. Null
D. H. Thornton

D. H. Carpenter

State of North Carolina ss. On The Superior Court
Catawba County,

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of D. H. Carpenter, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Sallie Carpenter, the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said D. H. Carpenter by the oath and examination of D. P. Null and D. H. Thornton the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both depose and say, and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of D. H. Carpenter that the said D. H. Carpenter 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 16th day of June 1899.

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And the deponent further saith, That the said D. H. Carpenter 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 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 D. H. Carpenter 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.

D. P. Null

D. H. Thornton

Severally sworn and subscribed.

This 28th day of June 1899

L. N. Phillips

Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina ss. In The Superior Court
Catawba County,

It is therefore Considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of D. H. Carpenter deceased. Let the said Will, together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 28th day of June 1899.

L. N. Phillips

Clerk Superior Court