

Last Will and Testament of Delilah Wike

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North Carolina
Catawba County

I, Delilah Wike of the aforesaid County, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament:

1st. My Executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends & relatives and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of the first money that may come in to my hands belonging to my estate.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Gemma Moore one Bay mare, named Pat Buggy & harness, one catch stone & cooking utensils, one Bureau & Book case on it; One clock to have and to hold as her own and her heirs. Lastly, it is my desire that Gemma Moore, my daughter, execute this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I set my hand & affix my seal. Signed, sealed, published } Delilah Wike
& declared in the presence of }
D. F. Moore This 21st July 1886.
P. A. Hayle

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In the Superior Court. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Delilah Wike deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, J. F. Herman Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County by Gemma Moore, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Delilah Wike by the oath and examination of D. F. Moore and P. A. Hayle, the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, each depone 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 Delilah Wike. That the said

Delilah Wike 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 21st day of July 1886, or did in the presence of this deponent acknowledge the signing the said paper writing.

And the deponent further saith, that she said Delilah Wike the testator 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 her ~~last~~ 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 her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Delilah Wike 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 severally sworn and subscribed this 20th day of July 1886 before me.

J. F. Herman
Clerk Sup. Court
D. F. Moore
P. A. Hayle