

I, Eli Whitener, of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but, considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, sign, declare this my last, will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, that my executors, shall provide for my body be decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my past debts whosoever and whomsoever owing out of the moneys that first, come, into their hands as part or parcel of my estate.

Next, I will unto my beloved wife, Sally Whitener, all my living that I own her lifetime, after her death the land to be divided equal between J. P. Whitener, E. L. Whitener, Laban Whitener, D. E. Whitener.

I will that E. L. Whitener have fifty dollars in money over and above his equal part.

I will that Cardine Under have five dollars in money take out of the personal property so much that will make her comfortable. The remainder I want my executor to put up at publick sale.

I will D. E. Whitener and E. L. Whitener my executor of my Last Will and Testament be witnesses, whereof I the said Eli Whitener do hereunto set my hand and seal. This 15th 1893.

Signed sealed and published and declared by the said Eli Whitener to the Last Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence subscribe our names as witnesses hereunto.

Eli Whitener

Abel Whitener
E. L. Whitener

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court
Catawba County

A paper, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Eli Whitener, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by D. E. Whitener and E. L. Whitener, the executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Eli Whitener is proven by oath and examination of Abel Whitener and A. J. Whitener, the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly sworn, depose and say, and each for himself, depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be, the Last Will and Testament of Eli Whitener; that the said Eli Whitener, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of the 15th day of April 1893.

And the Deponent further swears, that the said Eli Whitener, the testator aforesaid, died at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be the 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 swears, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Eli Whitener was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge of information or belief of this deponent; and further that deponent signed, sealed, sworn and subscribed, Abel Whitener
the 25th day of April 1894 before me, H. H. Horman, C. C.