

by the oath and examination of Charles Sronce & D.A. Chapman the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha J. Walker; that the said Martha J. Walker in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 5th day of Sept, 1896 - Codicil bears date of Mar. 4th 1899.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Martha J. Walker, 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 said testatrix. And this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testatrix subscribed her 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 Martha J. Walker 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.

Sworn and
subscribed, this 3rd day
of March 1900, before me.
L. H. Phillips
Clerk Superior Court.

Charles Sronce
D.A. Chapman

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 Martha J. Walker, deceased. Let the said Will together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 3rd day of March, 1900.

L. H. Phillips
Clerk Superior Court.

In the Name of God. Amen. I Frank L. Herman, of the County of Catawba in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament. That is to say. First after all my legal debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my real and personal estate I give and bequeath as follows to wit To my beloved Wife the eastern part of the Settlement tract. Beginning at a Black Oak, Lutz & Hermans Corner N.E. of newfield running North to the road at the hog lot. Then with said road as it meanders to Lutz & Hermans Corner in front of the house. Then N. with Lutz's and Hermans line to Leonard's Corner then East to Bolch's corner. Then with the various lines of the Settlement tract to the Beginning supposed to be one hundred acres more or less. Also one horse and buggy with set of harness. House hold and kitchen furniture as much as she may want. Farming tools sufficient to run a one horse farm. One milk cow. One choice 2 brogs her choice four colonies of Bees her choice. Wheat corn, meat and all other eatables on hand sufficient for one years maintenance all the poultry on hand. Also two hundred dollars in money. All the balance of my personal property to be sold after legal notice is given, and the proceeds of said sale, with all monies on hand or in notes to be collected, to be equally divided amongst my beloved children by (Except L. M. Sigman) to whom I give and bequeath One Dollar of my personal & real estate, for the reason that her and husband Ows about eight hundred Dollars, as by reference to notes in my hands will more fully appear those who shall share equally are S. A. Coulter, C. A. Little, C. E. Rowe, O. L. Bost, Geo. F. Herman and C. B. Henderson or their heirs, the aforesaid L. M. Sigman and heirs to no claim or interest in my personal or real estate, except One dollar and what they have already received. My Lands outside of which I gave to my wife shall be rented annually by executor's my Plowed son particularly to manage the same, and that he may cultivate as much of this land as he desires (not included in dower) and to rent to others such lands ^{as he deposes may advantage} to the best advantage. He and his Mother to have fruit enough for house use on any of the lands aforesaid. All the rents to be sold annually and the said Geo. F. may cultivate as now by pay One fourth and further shall apply the proceeds annual.

to pay Taxes on said land, any surplus to be returned to Probate Court, annually, and after the death of my wife. All her real estate (and her personal property may be sold) and all equally divided, among the aforesaid heirs (except sd. to M. Sigman as aforesaid).

I do Wiser I make, constitute and appoint my beloved Son Geo. F. Herman and Son in law W. J. Ressel to be Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed, my seal. This the 5th day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Frank L. Herman Seal

Attest L. J. Burris
" Th. L. Ressel

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Frank L. Herman deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Geo. F. Herman & W. J. Ressel, the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Frank L. Herman proved by the oath and examination of L. J. Burris & Thos. L. Ressel the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, both before and say, and each for himself deposes and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Frank L. Herman; that the said Frank L. Herman 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 5th day of October, 1893.

And the Deponent further saith, That the said Frank L. Herman 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 same 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 Frank L. Herman 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.

L. J. Burris
Thos. L. Ressel

Personally sworn and subscribed, this 5th day of Feb. 1900, before me.
L. H. 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 Frank L. Herman, deceased. Let the said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 5 day of Feb. 1900

L. H. Phillips
Clerk Superior Court

Will of Fannie L. Rudisill

State of North Carolina,
Catawba County.

I, Fannie L. Rudisill of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament.

First. My executor hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second. I give and devise to my four children namely Jacob A. Rudisill, Henry P. Rudisill, Catherine W. Williams Poly C. Rudisill one hundred and twenty two and half acres known as my home place adjoining the lands of H. P. Rudisill J. W. Williams

Third. I give and devise to my above named children all my personal property of what soever kind to be equally divided between them.

Fourth. all the estate both real and personal that Jacob A. Rudisill now deceased would inherit by this will to go to his five children namely Essie Rudisill, Marcus Rudisill Sarah Sigman William Rudisill Berie Rudisill.

Fifth. I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty son Henry P. Rudisill my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament.