

Portrait of Sarah Sherrill's Last Will & Testament.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Catawba County

Portrait of Will
of
Sarah Sherrill

A Paper purporting purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah Sherrill, deceased, is submitted before me, the undersigned Just of the Peace of the Superior Court in and for said County, by Wm. Sherrill the Executor therein named, and the deposition thereof by the said Wm. Sherrill is given by the oath and examination of John B. Martin Esq. & Deane, Jr. Subscribing Witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn do depose and say, and each for himself, that this is a duplicate of a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah Sherrill, that the said testament, in the presence of the deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper purporting which is now shown as aforesaid and which was taken on the 16th day of May 1867.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Sarah Sherrill the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper purporting to be her last Will and Testament, and the 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 saith, that at the said 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 in said testatrix, was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information and belief of this deponent, and further that deponent say not.

J. B. Martin (deu)
A. B. Sherrill (deu)

Severally sworn and subscribed
This 24th day of June 1867
J. B. Martin

The Executor qualified this day & solemnly swore to (see record of Appointment of Executor)

Freeman. Howards Will.

In the name of God Amen

I, Freeman Howard of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being weak in body and of sound mind and memory and understanding, praise be to God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, I give devise and bequeath unto my grand son John F. Howard his heirs and assigns forever, all my property real and personal and mixed of what nature or kind come and wheresoever the same shall be at the time of my death and my own death, and I do nominate and appoint my said grand son John F. Howard executor of this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I the said, Freeman Howard have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of May 1866. Signed declared by the above named Freeman Howard as his last Will and Testament.

Freeman Howard, (deu)

Attest J. B. Martin
J. F. Howard

The foregoing instrument is presented to me by the oath and examination of J. B. Martin & J. F. Howard the subscribing witnesses thereto, and recorded.
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At 14 by 6 adp

Ordeals of Foreman Howards Mill.

State of North Carolina? In the Superior Court
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ber
of
Foreman Howards
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Foreman Howards, decd. is exhibited
before me, the undersigned C.J. for said County, of
J. F. Howard the Executor therein named and the
due execution thereof by the said Foreman Howards
is proven by the oath and affirmation of J. M. Beatty
the subscribing witness thereto: who, being duly
sworn doth depose and say and swear god himself,
deponeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to
a paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the
last will and testament of Foreman Howards, and that
the said Foreman Howards, in the presence of this deponent
subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing
which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date
of the 31st day of May 1886. And the deponent further
saith: that the said Foreman Howards the testator afore-
said, did, at the time of subscribing his name as afore-
said, declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him
and at his will to be his last will and testament, and
that 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 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 deponent's subscribing his name as an attes-
ting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Foreman
Howards 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 this deponent doth say and

J. M. Beatty, Clerk
J. F. Howards

Personally sworn and subscribed
this 18th day of March 1887 before me

P. J. Heyl C.J.

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of Foreman 22 Page 416

David Howards Mill.

In the name of God Amen.

Joseph Howards
James Howards
etc
of
David Howards

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Catharine Howards

I, David Howards, of the
County of Catawba and State of North Carolina,
being of sound mind and memory, and consid-
ering the uncertainty of this world 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 lawful debts
are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate
real and personal I give and bequeath and
dispose of as follows: to wit: To my beloved
daughter Catharine Howards, the land and appur-
tenances situated thereon one third of my farm
tract situated lying and being in the County
and State aforesaid, on the waters of Robinsons
Mill Creek beginning at a cedar tree between
my and Joseph Howards houses, then including
the Smith house, thence passing and including
the gate over to the spring, then down the spring
-branch to the creek then down the creek to Howards
line. Then along said line past the apple tree corner
so as to include five acres of the upper field, then
north to the lane, then along the middle of the
lane, to the gate near the barn. Then to the beginning.

And also another parcel of land to be laid off along
my and Mary Howards line above my lane. A being
part of my land and part closed land, to be run off
her so as to make 48 acres in the two parcels.

And 2nd. I give and bequeath to my beloved son
Joseph Howards the remaining two thirds of said farm
tract with appurtenances estimated to be 77 acres
more or less.

And 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved son
James Howards a certain tract I bought of Abram Cook
containing twenty acres more or less.

And whereas the James has (over) less land, I
ordain, that Catharine pay to James twenty three
dollars \$23.00 and that Joseph pay him one
hundred dollars \$100.00 to make them even in
the land divisions.

I further declare that Catharine and