

North Carolina }
Catawba County }

I, H. H. Forney, of said County and State,
do hereby make and declare this to be my
will and testament, in manner and form
following, to wit:

Item 1st, After paying or arranging all my
just debts, I give and bequeath unto
my wife Sarah Forney, all my property, both
real and personal, including the growing
crops on the land, to have and to hold the
same, for the use and benefit during her
natural life.

Item 2nd, After the death of my wife Sarah Forney,
then all my property both real and
personal, to be divided between all my
children or their legal representative
each to share alike, except as herein after
provided.

Item 3rd, I have advanced unto my son John E.
Forney two hundred dollars, for which
he is to account to each of my other
children their proportional part of the same
which would be fifty dollars each if they
so desire.

Item 4th, My will and desire is, that if my daughter
Mary S. Forney remains single, she shall
have the option if she so desires, of
keeping my house and lot and land, in
the town of Newton during her natural
life, then to be divided as aforesaid provided.

Item 5, I hereby constitute and appoint my daughter
Mary S. Forney, my lawful executrix of this
my last will and testament, and as a com-
pensation beside the usual commission she
shall have one hundred dollars out of
my estate.

In testimony whereof I have set my
hand and seal.

This 25th day of February 1886.

H. H. Forney (Seal)

North Carolina }
Catawba County } Superior Court.

After reading and without subscribing
witnesses, purporting to be the last will
and testament of H. H. Forney, died, in public
or private, in open court by Mary S. Forney,
his executrix therein named, and it is
thereupon proved by the oath and examination
of Mary S. Forney that the said will was found
among the valuable papers & effects of the
said H. H. Forney after his death, and it is
further proved by the oath and examination
of three competent and creditable witnesses,
to wit: W. B. Skidford, J. M. Brown and J. S.
Herman, that they are acquainted with
the handwriting of the said H. H. Forney,
having often seen him write, and verily
believe that the name of the said H. H.
Forney, subscribed to the said will, and the
said will itself, and every part thereof, is
in the handwriting of the said H. H. Forney,
and it is further proved by the evidence of
the three last mentioned witnesses, that the
said handwriting is generally known to the
acquaintances of the said H. H. Forney, it is
therefore considered by the Court, that the
said paper writing is the last will and
testament of the said H. H. Forney.

Witness my hand and subscribe: W. B. Skidford
for me, J. M. Brown
This 26th day of Feb. 1886. J. S. Herman
H. H. Forney
C. C.