

North Carolina  
Catawba County,

I, J. Alston Ramsay of the County and State  
aforesaid do make and constitute this my last will,  
First I will and direct that all my just debts of every  
description including funeral expenses be paid.

I give and bequeath to my son Julius M. Ramsay my  
Library, and the Gold, Elgin Watch that I carry, and to my  
daughter Mary V. Ramsay my open face Jo. Johnson Solid  
Gold watch which she will feel at liberty to sell or dispose  
of, if she thinks proper; and also the gold chain which passes  
with it.

Then I give and bequeath to my wife Belle M. Ramsay  
all of my remaining property of every description, Real or  
personal, including money on hand or deposited, and all  
notes and accounts due me and all Household and  
Kitchen furniture.

I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Belle M.  
Ramsay Executrix of this my will, and Trustee for my  
said children, Julius M. and Mary V. Ramsay. I witness my  
hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1893.

J. Alston Ramsay, *(Signature)*

Signed, sealed and declared  
to be the last will of the Testator  
Witnessed by his request and in his  
presence in presence of each other

L. G. Hay  
H. C. Hamilton

North Carolina, } In the Superior Court.  
Catawba County, }

The paper purporting to be the last will and tes-  
tament of J. Alston Ramsay, deceased, is exhibited for probate  
in open Court by Belle M. Ramsay, the Executrix therein named, and  
thereupon come Philo C. Hall and E. B. Cline, who being first duly  
sworn each for himself do say that H. C. Hamilton one of the  
subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing is dead, and fur-  
ther that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said  
H. C. Hamilton, deceased, a subscribing witness, as aforesaid, having  
often seen him write, and that the name of the said H. C. Hamilton,  
subscribed as a witness to the said seal, is in the true hand writing  
of the said H. C. Hamilton, and further these deponents say not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, A.D. 1900.

L. H. Phillips

Clerk Superior Court

Philo C. Hall  
E. B. Cline.

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of  
J. Alston Ramsay deceased, is exhibited before me the unders-  
igned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Belle M.  
Ramsay, the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution  
thereof by the said J. Alston Ramsay proved by the oath and exam-  
ination of L. G. Hay and proof of the hand writing of H. C. Hamilton  
decd. being made by affidavit hereto attached, the subscribing wit-  
nesses thereto; L. G. Hay being duly sworn doth believe and say  
that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now  
shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of  
J. Alston Ramsay; that the said J. Alston Ramsay 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1893.

And the deponent further saith, that the said J. Alston Ram-  
say the 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 said 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 J. Alston Ramsay was  
of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will,  
and was not under any restraints, to the knowledge, infor-  
mation or belief of this deponent: And further this deponent  
says not.

L. G. Hay

Severally sworn and subscribed,  
this 23 day of January, 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 J. Alston Ramsay, deceased. Let the said  
Will, together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 23 day of January 1900.

L. H. Phillips  
Clerk Superior Court.