

Last Will and Testament of James B Beard

North Carolina ?

Catawba County { I, James B Beard of The County and state
aforesaid do make and constitute this my last will and
Testament revoking and setting aside all other Wills by
me previously made.

First then I will and direct that all my just debts be
paid.

I give and bequeath to my wife Lucy M Beard my Piano
my Library my household and kitchen furniture including
bedding clothing in short every thing in and about the house
or in any way pertaining thereto.

I own some stock in the Hickory manufacturing Compa-
ny, the dividends or profits arising from that I give to
my wife Lucy M. during her lifetime and also the interest
on whatever money or notes I may have at my demise or
the profits or gains arising therefrom I give to her my
wife Lucy M. Beard during her life.

My sisters Julia M Beard and Maria M Beard hold jointly
a life estate in the house and lot whereon they now live. I
give and bequeath to my wife Lucy M. Beard during her
life that house and lot after the demise of the survivor
of my said sisters.

After the death of my wife Lucy M. Beard I will and
direct that all of my properties Real and personal of any
description including money stock in manufacturing Com-
pany or property of any other description be equally divided
between my two sons Campbell B Beard and James B
Beard to their sole and only use. I hereby constitute
and appoint my wife Lucy M Beard Executrix of this my
last will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of October 1892
James B Beard (Seal)

Signed and sealed in the presence
of the Testator and at his request
had in the presence of each other
H. E. McComb
H. C. Hamilton

North Carolina } In the Superior Court,
Catawba County } Before L.H. Phillips, Clerk

In the Matter of the Will

of
James B. Beard, deceased.
Lucy M. Beard, being duly sworn, deposes, that James B. Beard, late of the County of Catawba, died on the 30th day of January, 1899, having first made and published his last will and testament; and that affiant is the Executrix named therein.
That said testator, by said Will, disposed of personal property consisting of cash in the First National Bank of Hickory, about fifty-five dollars; one promissory note worth \$120.00 55 shares of stock in the Hickory Manufacturing Company, of the par value of

That the parties entitled to the property disposed of in said Will are the affiant, whose residence is Hickory N.C. - Campbell B. Beard whose residence is Decatur Texas, and James B. Beard whose residence is Alford Texas. That there are no minors named in said Will.

Lucy M. Beard
Sworn to and subscribed before this the 10th day
of February, 1899.
L.H. Phillips Clerk Superior Court

You swear that you believe this Writing to be and contain the last will and testament of James B. Beard, deceased; and that you will well and truly execute the same, by first paying his debts and then his legacies, as far as the said estate shall extend, or the law shall charge you; and that you will faithfully and honestly execute the office of executrix, agreeably to the trust and confidence reposed in you, and according to law; So help you God.

Lucy M. Beard
Subscribed and sworn to, before this the 10th day
of February 1899.
L.H. Phillips
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court,
Catawba County } Before the Clerk

In the Matter of the Will

of
James B. Beard, deceased.
N.E. McCord, being duly sworn, deposes that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James B. Beard, deceased; that the said James B. Beard in the presence of the deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown him as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 13th day of October, 1892.
And the deponent further says that the said James B. Beard, 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 then and there, in the presence of and at the request of said testator, deponent subscribed his name as an attesting witness thereto. Deponent further says that at the time above mentioned said testator was of sound mind and memory.
Deponent further says that he is acquainted with the handwriting of N.E. Hamilton whose name appears as that of subscribing witness to said will. That said signature is in the handwriting of said Hamilton, who signed the same at the request and in the presence of the testator, James B. Beard, and in the presence of deponent, and further this deponent swears that
N.E. McCord (Dea.)

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 11th day of February 1899
L.H. Phillips
Clerk Superior Court