

North Carolina }
Catawba County }

I J. B. Ellis do make
and constitute this my last will and
testament that is to say I will and direct
that my remains be buried in a decent
and respectful manner as my Executors
herein after named may direct.

I then will that my funeral expense
together with all my just debts be paid
from my will and bequest to my Wife Em-
eline C. Ellis all my real Estate including
all my town lots together with any other
Real Estate of which I may now or pos-
sibly at my death during her life time
or while she remains my widow.

I also give to her my said wife all
my personal property of every description
including money, notes, debts, Railroad
or other stocks during her lifetime or
widowhood.

At her death then to be divided
equally between my daughters Laura C.
Stewart and Gertrude Ellis in the division
taking into account my ^{provisionally} and all ad-
vances made to Laura C. Stewart.

If my wife Emeline C. Ellis should
again marry after my death then I will
and direct my Executors to settle and
divide the entire estate real and per-
sonal as herein directed to do at her very
said wife's death.

I hereby constitute and appoint my
Samlaw C. Stewart and my daughter
Laura C. Stewart and Gertrude
Ellis to execute this my last will and
testament.

Given under my hand and seal
31st day of May 1890.

J. B. Ellis

Signed sealed and declared.

To be the last will of the
testator. Witnessed in his
presence and at his request
and in the presence of
each other the day and year
above written

J. H. Burns
C. M. White

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

A paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of J. B. Ellis
deceased in exhibited before me, the undersigned
J. H. Norman, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for
said county by C. C. Stewart one of the executors there-
in named, and the due execution thereof by the said
J. B. Ellis is proved by the oath and examination of
J. H. Burns and C. M. White, the subscribing witnesses
thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and
say and each for himself that he is a subscribing
witness to the paper writing now shown him, purport-
ing to be the last will and testament of J. B. Ellis.

That the said J. B. Ellis in the presence of the depo-
sents subscribed his name at the end of said
paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid
and which bears date on the 31st day of May 1890.

And the deponent further saith, that the
said J. B. Ellis 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. I am attes-
ting witnesses 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 the deponent's subscribing
his name as an attesting witness thereto
as aforesaid, the said J. B. Ellis was of
sound mind and memory. I have

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.

J. H. Bryant and
J. C. M. White and

Generally sworn to and subscribed
this 7th day of April 1891 before me.

J. F. Herman
Notary Public.

Last Will and Testament of Rhoda L. Propst

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Rhoda L. Propst of the County of Catawba
and State of North Carolina Being in good
health, and of a sound and disposing
mind and memory. And viewing the Uncer-
tainity of my earthly Existence do this day
make and publish this to be my Last will
and Testament in manner and form, as
follows to wit, First I will, that at my
death my executrix shall provide for the
body a suitable burial, according to the wishes
of my Relations & friends. And to pay the
expenses out of the first moneys coming
into her hands.

Secondly, I will and Bequeath to my beloved
Sister Rebecca Propst All my property, Both
Real & personal that is to say, My Interest
in the plantation whereon I now live,
known as the John Propst Homestead, My
interest being one Eleventh of Said Landest
All my personal property consisting of
Cattle, Hogs, and all other live stock, Tow
Beds & bedding, provisions on hand, all my
Money and evidences of debt, My Chert, trunks,
Loom & fixtures and all other Household &
Kitchen furniture & all other personal
property of whatever name or kind, that
I now have at my death, to be the prop-
erty of Rebecca Propst absolutely & forever
After she shall have paid all my

debt I may owe, if any, and the
funeral expenses as aforesaid.
And lastly I do re-estate appoint and
ordain my beloved Sister Rebecca Propst
to be my Lawful Executrix to execute this
my last will and Testament, hereby Revok-
ing all other wills and appointments by
me heretofore made.

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal in presence of
the subscribing Witnesses.

Signed and Sealed this the first day of Febru-
ary 1895

Signed & Sealed in presence of
Rhoda L. Propst
J. H. Propst
George W. Propst

North Carolina
Catawba County

James A. Propst being duly sworn, doth
say that Geo. W. Propst who signed the
 foregoing Will as an attesting witness is
dead, that he is well acquainted with
his handwriting he having seen him
sign his name many times, that the
signature is in his own proper hand
writing. This May 24th 1895.

James A. Propst

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Catawba County

A paper writing purporting to be the
last will and Testament of Rhoda Propst
deceased, is exhibited before me, the unders-
igned J. F. Herman, Clerk of the Superior
Court in and for said county, by D. C.
Link and the due execution thereof by the
said Rhoda Propst by the oath and exam-
ination of R. W. Propst the subscribing witnesses
thereof who being duly sworn, doth depose
and say that he is at subscribing witness
to the paper writing now shown him,
purporting to be the last will and tes-