

which bears date on the 23 day of March, 1887, doth in the presence of this defendant acknowledge the signing the said paper writing.

I, the defendant, further saith, that the said B. E. & Wilfong, the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament, and this defendant did thereupon subscribe her name at the end of said will, as and attesting witness thereto, and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator. And this defendant further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will aforesaid, and at the time of the defendant's subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the 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 or belief of this defendant, and further these defendants say not.

Severally sworn and

Subscribed, this 15 day of February 1888 before me
P. A. Hoyle C. S. C. }
J. F. Abernethy Esq. }

I, John R. Seats, of the town of Concord North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory (blessed be God for the same) do on this the 17th day of February 1888 make, ordain, and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following: Now first I give my son Alexander Hamilton all real estate that I may leave at the time of my death, except what is otherwise directed in this my last will and testament, and direct my executor in the following manner: All money that may be due my estate will go to pay my debts, but I should that not be enough to take of the rents; as I direct my executor to rent all property that will make any thing, to pay the debts. After the debts are all paid, my executor or guardian for my child A. Hamilton shall continue to rent all the property that I leave to my son A. Hamilton and will use the same for keeping up the property, such as painting, roofing &c. This to be done until my son is of proper age to take charge of the property I leave him. Now further, this is my will, should it be so that my son die before he is twenty-one (21) years old, and leaving no wife or children, then this real estate shall go to Alice See Bushett and her heirs, but I should Alice See Bushett not be living at that time, this real property shall go to my wife Annie E. she may dispose of it as she please at her death. But further as regards my son should he live and marry and have children; at his death this real property shall go to his oldest child living. But should my son die leaving no children, but a wife, she shall come in full possession of this real estate property, and idea with it as she

pleases at her death.

I consider that I leave said enough in regard to my debts. My executor will take such advantage as the law will allow in order to save the land, and hope the intent of this will may be faithfully carried out. If I have done any thing wrong I hope God will pardon me.

Now further, this is my last will and testament and I do earnestly insist that my executor do in every particular, faithfully perform what I now direct.

My helpless condition is a well known fact that someone had to wait on me in my helpless condition.

Harriet Hawn has been a faithful servant and my only help; therefore, I now without any improper motive, try to do what I believe to be right in the following manner: In addition to what is allowed her in the contract between us, I give to her during her life as much as one acre of land adjoining her lot for her to cultivate in my manner she please during her life. I also give her half of all the fruit that grows on the farm during her lifetime, grapes &c.

Further she shall have wood off the place as long as there is any. Further it is my will that Harriet Hawn shall have, during her life, the proceeds of all the houses on the place, except where I now live. I mean she can control them in every particular and use the proceeds as she please during her life, but no one but respectable families shall occupy the property at any time; provided, always that Harriet Hawn never let any of her relatives occupy this property mentioned in this my last will and testament, for the reason they are a great pest to her.

My object is to be kind to her notwithstanding what I here say she shall not do, then she at once shall loose every right and privilege here granted and the said property goes to my heirs as has been directed.

And further I direct my executor to make to Harriet Hawn a good deal for the two lots as I here describe first, the lot adjoining Paul Hunsucker, known as the old street, fifty feet wide running east to the railroad; Also another lot below & south of J. B. Martin's 100 feet on main street running east to the railroad. Give good deeds as I directed and the poor woman is none too well paid. I now appoint John F. Hunsucker executor of this my last will and testament, and hereby revoke all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. I witnessed many whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this day and date above written, Signed and sealed in presence of } John D. Seats seal
C. S. Simmons }
J. D. Bell X

State of North Carolina } In the Superior
Catawba County } Court
I, the undersigned, P. A. Hayle, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said county, by John F. Hunsucker, the executor thereinafore named, and the due execution thereof by the said J. D. Seats is proven by the oath and examination of J. D. Seats and C. S. Simmons, the subscribing witness 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 purporting to be the last will and testament of J. S. Seats. That the said J. S. Seats in the presence of this defendant subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 17th day of February, 1888, does did in the presence of this defendant acknowledge the signing the said paper writing.

And the defendant further saith, that the said John P. Seats 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 defendant did thereupon subscribe his name at the of said will, as and attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this defendant further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will and aforesaid, and at the time of the defendant's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said testator 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 defendant, and further these defendant, say not.

Severally sworn and
subscribed, this 2nd day of March before G. T. Simmonstal
me,

P. A. Hoyle C. S. C.

State of North Carolina Superior Court
Catawba County March 2 1888

Mrs. Fannie R. Seats personally appears in open court and disclaims from the last will and testament of her husband J. S. Seats 1/28 cents /
Attest P. A. Hoyle, C. S. C.

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Kinston N.C.
May 3 1886

Every thing I held possessed of real and personal I bequeath to my brother P. H. Weaver, now of Hillsborough Ohio.
Said P. H. Weaver to be the executor of my Will Signed by me this 3rd day of May 1886

Charlotte G. Sims

North Carolina } Superior Court
Catawba County } Special Proceedings.

Personal came before me P. A. Hoyle C. S. C. for said County Mrs M. G. Studdell, and being sworn says she is acquainted with the hand writing of Mrs Charlotte G. Sims, and that she believes the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charlotte G. Sims, is in her own genuine hand writing, and that the same was signed by her, the said Charlotte G. Sims.

M. G. Studdell

Sworn to and subscribed
before me March 15 1888.

P. A. Hoyle C. S. C.

State of North Carolina Superior Court
Catawba County } Special proceedings

Personally appeared before me the undersigned C. S. C. C. H. Weaver, and being sworn says she is well acquainted with the hand writing of Mrs Charlotte G. Sims, and believes the hand writing of the paper purporting to be the last will & testament of the said Charlotte G. Sims, and that the same is in her own genuine signature, and executed by her own hands.

She further says upon oath that the said paper writing purporting to be the last will will of Charlotte D. Sims, was found by me among the papers and in the presence of the said Charlotte D. Sims.

R. H. Warner

Swearne to & Subscribed
before me March 15th 1888

P.A. Hoyle C.S.C.

State of North Carolina Superior Court
Catawba County Special proceedings

Personally appeared before the undersigned
P. A. Hoyle, Clerk of the Superior Court for
Catawba County and State Aforsaid.
J. W. Shuler and being sworn, says
he is well acquainted with the hand
writing of Charlotte D. Sims and that he
certy believes the paper writing to him
exhibited is the genuine handwriting of
the said Charlotte D. Sims. And further
believes the said paper writing is the last
will and testament of Charlotte D. Sims

R. H. Warner

Swearne to and subscribed before me
this March 15 1888

P.A. Hoyle C.S.C.

Will of
Daniel
Bolek

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State of North Carolina
Catawba County

In the name of God, Amen.

I Daniel Bolek of the County and state
aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory
but considering the uncertainty of my earthly
existence, do make and declare this my last
Will and Testament, in manner and form following.

First - That my executor hereinafter named shall
provide for my body and that of my beloved
wife a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of
my relatives and friends and pay all funeral
expenses, together with my just debts, if any
however, and to whomsoever owing out of the
money that may first come into his hands out
of my personal property which is to be sold by
public outcry and if the money arising from
the sale of my personal property be not sufficient
to pay all debts above mentioned, my executor
may sell a piece of land sufficient for to cover
all expenses at above named.

Item 1st I give and devise to my beloved wife
all lands now belonging to me together with
all my personal property for and during the
time of her natural life.

Item 2nd I do further will and bequeath that
after the death of me and my wife that my son
Daniel Parkley shall have and hold forty
four acres of my land including my residence
and building.

Item 3rd I do further will and bequeath the balance
of my land to my land to my four daughters
to be equally divided between them according to
valuation of lots.

Item 4th And lastly I do hereby constitute my
trusty friend L. C. Huffman, my lawful executor
to all intents to execute this my last will and
testament.

This May 21, 1887

L. C. Huffman } Witness.
P. H. Bolek }

Daniel Bolek Seal