

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF M. RUFFY.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—County of Catawba.

I, M. Ruffy, of the aforesaid County & State, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament: -

First. My Executor, hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, and place suitable tombstones to my grave, and pay for the same out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my beloved wife, Salena Ruffy, the house and lot in the town of Catawba, North Carolina, in which I now live, including all buildings on said lot, for her natural life, in satisfaction of her dower and thirds in my lands.

Third: I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife all the house-hold and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of in my Will, and Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars in cash to be loaned for the use of my said beloved wife, she to have the interest on the same during her natural life, she to use no part of the principal.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Matilda Ruffy and my grand-daughter, Coot Ruffy, the daughter of the said Sarah Matilda Ruffy together, Three Thousand (\$3000.00) Dollars during their natural lives, the same to be placed in the hands of Trustees hereinafter named, and the interest only to be paid to them, or for their use, and upon the death or either the interest on same to be used for the support of the surviving one during her natural life, then the said Three Thousand Dollars, to go as hereinafter directed.

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my grand-sons, Ralph L. Little, Wade R. Little and Harry H. Little, each seven Hundred (\$700.00) Dollars as their full share in my estate, to be paid by my Executor within two years from the date of my death; and any note or notes, or accounts, that I may hold against the mother or the father of these three grand-sons, to be delivered to them upon my death, exclusive of the Seven Hundred Dollars.

Sixth: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Bessie L. Ruffy, the piano I now own, and to be valued at Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars

Seventh: My will and desire is, and I so bequeath the same, that all the residue of my estate both real and personal be equally divided among the four following of my children: Victoria Leming, Charles B. Ruffy, Robert D. Ruffy and Bessie L. Ruffy, after each accounts to the others as

follows, viz:- Victoria Leming is to account for One Thousand six hundred and forty five (\$1645.00) Dollars, Charles B. Ruffy is to account for Seven hundred (\$700.00) Dollars, Robert D. Ruffy is to account for Two thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars, and Bessie L. Ruffy is to account for Two hundred and thirty three and 25/100 (\$233.25) Dollars already advanced; and each of my four children herein named in the 7th paragraph of this Will are to account to each other for all moneys that they shall receive from me, from the date of this Will till my death; the said account be kept in a book named "Book kept showing the amounts advanced to children of M. Ruffy since the date of my last will and testament," said accounts to be kept by my son C. B. Ruffy as my agent.

Eighth: I give and devise and bequeath to the four following children, viz:- Victoria Leming, Charles B. Ruffy, Robert D. Ruffy, and Bessie L. Ruffy, all of the property both real and personal herein willed to my beloved wife, Salena Ruffy, subject to her life estate, the same to be divided equally among the said Victoria Leming, Charles B. Ruffy, Robert D. Ruffy and Bessie L. Ruffy, after the death of my said wife; and I further give and devise and bequeath to the said Victoria Leming, Charles B. Ruffy, Robert D. Ruffy, and Bessie L. Ruffy the Three Thousand (\$3000.00) Dollars mentioned in the fourth paragraph of this Will to be divided equally among them after the death of Sarah Matilda Ruffy and Coot Ruffy.

Ninth: And now I hereby constitute and appoint my sons, Charles B. Ruffy, and Robert D. Ruffy, Trustees for my daughter Sarah Matilda Ruffy and grand-daughter Coot Ruffy to have and to hold the custody of the Three Thousand Dollars herein willed to the said Sarah Matilda Ruffy and Coot Ruffy, and they shall loan the same or invest same as they may deem best, and pay to the said Sarah Matilda Ruffy and Coot Ruffy the interest on said money, or investment, less their legal fee; said Trustees are not to give bond.

Tenth: I hereby constitute and appoint my son, Charles B. Ruffy, my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof—hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other will and testaments by me heretofore made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said M. Ruffy, do hereby set my hand and seal this the 11th day of April, 1906.

M. Ruffy (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said M. Ruffy to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

L. H. Lowrance)
J. H. S. Coulter WITNESSES.