

Last Will of Bethe Ann Cressman

I Bethe Ann Cressman being of Sound mind and memory but in feeble health and desiring to show my appreciation and love for my faithful and faithful Son John Edington, I make and put forth this my last will and testament -

I will and bequeath to him my Son John Edington all my interest of whatever description or kind in all my lands, houses & now live, where and from North Carolina. See Deed etc.

I will and bequeath all my personal property including house hold and kitchen furniture - stock of every description and all other property real and personal that I now have or may hereafter acquire - to him my son John Edington. And lastly, it is my desire that all my just and legal debts should be paid including burial expenses. In witness whereof I have this day set my hand and seal. This 4 October 1880 -

Test-
J.R. Beck-
W. C. Cochran

Bethe Ann Cressman

J.R. Beck - one of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will being sworn says he saw the testatrix sign her name to the will, that he signed the same, as an attesting witness thereto, in the presence of the testatrix and in the presence of W.C. Cochran the other witness. That the said testatrix was of Sound mind and of full age to execute a will, and was never in restraint of her knowledge, information or belief of the contents of the same. That the other witness being sworn swears to this fact, his hand writing is proven by the oath of W.C. Cochran who says he will throw in testimony to the witness, and that his genuine signature appears as a witness as aforesaid.

For will is admitted to probate and admitted

C. H. Ayers

See Will & Probate on file

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Last Will and Testament of Martha J. Bradley

Dickson N.C. March 18th 1886

I Martha J. Bradley of Dickson Caswell County N.C. being of Sound mind, do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testament -

I desire first, that the expenses of my funeral and the bill of Dr. Johnson, of Dickson for medical attention, together with debt that may be against me (there is but one, for eight hundred feet of land to Mrs. Ross) be first paid out of my estate.

(Second) I desire that my executor, shall, as soon as may be, sell and dispose of all my property real and personal of every description, in raising this sum of money, as to a public sale, or privately or both. And then when the amount of the sales are ascertained, I wish

third) that one third of said amount I give and bequeath to my husband C. Bradley for his own use and benefit.

Fourth - I give and bequeath unto Rachel Eva White my niece, the one third of the amount so left after the debts are paid as above, in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Rachel & William, this sum to be paid to the said Rachel & William at the date of sixty dollars per annum. And in case the said Rachel & William should die before the full amount is expended in her behalf, then my nephew James H. White shall go to and belong the said Rachel Eva White.

I hereby appoint my nephew Ross & White Esq. to be my executor and administrator, hereby authorizing him to use his own discretion as to the sale thereof, either of private or public sale, and is, I am, and shall be required from time.

Signed in the presence of J. & C. Cook

Martha J. Bradley

Debate of Will of Martha J. Beasley
Will of North Carolina? on the Superior Court
Catawba County

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Martha J. Bradley, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of said County, by R. B. White the executor thereof mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Martha Bradley, is proven by the oath and affirmation of James T. Cobb the subscribing witness thereto, who being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha J. Bradley; that the said Martha J. Bradley, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which was shown as aforesaid and which bore date of 21st of Novr 1866. And the deponent further saith, that the said Martha J. Bradley, the testatrix aforesaid, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declared the said paper writing to be her last will and testament, and exhibiting her name as aforesaid, and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testatrix declared her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Martha J. Bradley was of sound mind & memory of full age to execute a will. And was not under any restriction - to the knowledge or information or belief of this deponent; And further this deponent does

J. V. Cobb (over)

Given and Subscribed
the 1st Day of Nov. 1826

PtHagh Cap

State of North Carolina, August 18th 1886
Catawba County, I

I Benjamin Robinson Being of sound mind and memory and knowing the certainty of death do publish this to be my last will and testament in the manner and from following first my will is that my Executor here in after mentioned shall provide a suitable burial for my body to the wish of my friends and pay all my just debts, to w^hever owing first My will is that my half Sisters Ming Gross, and Jane Hoffman shall have one dollar a piece and all my interest in the lands to my brother Alexander Robinson and all my personal property to said Alexander Robinson, that he shall well and properly take care of my wife Fanny Robinson as long as she lives, and at her death shall provide a suitable burial for her body according to the wish of her friends this is the manner it is to be carried out I do here by constitute and appoint Mr. Cleland Hilderbrand my lawful Executor to carry out this to all intent and purposes. If within mentioned Alexander Robinson does not take proper care of my wife Fanny Robinson this will is null and void. Signed Sealed and Delivered in presents of us

Wm Burns
Wm Hilderbrand

Benjamin Robinson ^{his} _{mark}

Benjamin ^{his} Robinson ^{Seal}
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