

State of North Carolina, } Sept. 1st 1896.
Catawba County.

I, Martha J. Walker, of the afore said County and State, being of sound mind, 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 and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts, and place an appropriate tomb to my grave to cost not exceeding twenty five dollars all to be paid out of the first moneys coming into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second I give and bequeath to Essie, Ora, Willie Hallie and Victor Champion, each, twenty five dollars.

Third I give and bequeath to Burnice Walker one suit of clothes and two pairs of boots, the same once belonged to my son John.

Fourth I give and bequeath to John May my gold watch and chain.

Fifth I give and devise to my old home church, Brassfield, in Granville County, twenty five dollars.

Sixth I give and bequeath to Lois Champion, and to her body heirs, my home - house and lot with houses land and all appurtenances thereto belonging, with all my household and kitchen furniture - 3 bedsteads 4 trunks, the clock, cook stove, all the chairs &c with all bed clothes, to wit: three feather beds, 6 pillows, 3 bolsters 20 sheets, 15 quilts &c with all other property not otherwise disposed of, and also all moneys left after the above items are paid, and all my just debts are settled.

Seventh I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend J. M. Clappitt my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true meaning thereof and every part and clause thereof to collect all notes uncollected, which now are 1st a \$100. note against W. J. Boggs, with Mortgage, 2nd a \$100. note against Garland Jarrett & others, with Mortgage, 3rd a \$150. note against Charley Sronce, with mortgage, 4th a \$100. note, with surety, against D. A. Chapman, 5th a \$100. note against Lewis Rudisil, William Shuford & others, also take charge of the \$150 in gold which I now have on hand and appropriate it as the above sections direct. I hereby revoke and declare utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Martha J. Walker, do

herewith set my hand and seal; This the 5th day of Sept. A.D. 1896.

Martha J. Walker (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Martha J. Walker to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. This Sept. 5th 1896.

Charles Sronce
D. A. Chapman
W. H. Shuford

North Carolina,
Catawba County.

I, Martha J. Walker, of said State and county, make this Codicil to my last will and testament, published by me, and dated the 5 day of September 1896. which I ratify and confirm except the same shall be changed hereby.

In item sixth in my will above mentioned, I give and devise to Lois Champion & her body heirs all my real estate with Household & Kitchen furniture - mentioning the different items. Now I find that it may be necessary for me to sell part of this property for my own use, Therefore let whatever may remain at my death be disposed of according to said items.

In item seventh make mention of my notes and mortgages and gold in detail, Now I have loaned out the gold, except \$20.00 and collected part of the notes and spent the money and may have to use more. Therefore let whatever may remain of this item at my death be disposed of as directed in said item, Signed and sealed this the 4 day of March 1899.

Martha J. Walker (Seal)

Witnessed in her presence and at her request.

Charles Sronce
D. A. Chapman

State of North Carolina, } ss. In the Superior Court.
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A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha J. Walker deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by J. M. Clappitt, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Martha J. Walker - found

by the oath and examination of Charles Sronce & D.A. Chapman the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, both depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha J. Walker; that the said Martha J. Walker in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 5th day of Sept, 1896. Codicil bears date of Mch. 4th 1899.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Martha J. Walker, 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 deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testatrix. And this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testatrix subscribed her 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 Martha J. Walker 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 deponent; And further these deponents say not.

Generally sworn and
subscribed, this 3rd day
of March 1900, before me.
L. H. Phillips
Clerk Superior Court.

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It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of Martha J. Walker, deceased. Let the said Will together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 3rd day of March, 1900.

L. H. Phillips
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In the Name of God. Amen. I Frank L. Herman, of the County of Catawba in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament. That is to say, First after all my legal debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my real and personal estate I give and bequeath as follows to wit to my beloved Wife the eastern part of the Settlement tract. Beginning at a Black Oak, Lutz & Herman's Corner N.E. of new field running North to the road at the dog lot. Then with said road as it meanders to Lutz & Herman's Corner in front of the house. Then N. with Lutz's and Herman's line to Leonard's Corner then East to Bolch's corner then with the various lines of the Settlement tract to the Beginning supposed to be one hundred acres more or less. Also one horse and buggy with set of harness. House hold and kitchen furniture as much as she may want. Farming tools sufficient to run a one horse farm. One m. plow and Re. Choice 2 hogs her choice four colonies of Bees her choice Wheat corn, meat and all other eatables on hand, sufficient for one years maintenance all the poultry on hand. Also two hundred dollars in money, all the balance of my personal property to be sold after legal notice is given and the proceeds of said sale, with all monies on hand or in notes to be collected, to be equally divided amongest my beloved children by (except C. M. Sigman) to whom I give and bequeath One Dollar of my personal & real estate, for the reason that her and husband Ows about eight hundred Dollars, as by reference to notes in my hands will more fully appear those who shall share equally are S. A. Coulter, C. O. Little, C. E. Rowe, O. L. Bost, Geo. F. Herman and C. B. Henderson or their heirs, the aforesaid C. M. Sigman and heirs to no claim or interest in my personal or real estate, except One dollar and what they have already received. My Lands outside of which I gave to my wife shall be rented, annually by executor's my Plowed, so particularly to manage the same, and that he may cultivate so much of this land as he desires (not included in plowed) and to rent to others such lands ^{as he desires to cultivate} to the best advantage. He and his Mother to have fruit enough for house uses on any of the lands aforesaid. All the rent to be sold annually, and the said Geo. F. may cultivate as now by pay One fourth and further shall apply the proceeds annually.

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