

his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said W. H. Sigmon was of sound mind & 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.

Severly sworn and subscribed
this 12th day of Dec. 1897 before me
J. F. Sherman, }
Clerk Sup. Court. } Phila. H. Huffer, Seal

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Last Will and Testament of
Noah Summerraw, dec'd.

State of North Carolina
Catawba County.

In the name of God - Amen.

I, Noah Summerraw, of the County of
Catawba & State of North Carolina, being of
sound & disposing mind & memory, but in feeble
health of body, do make, declare, & publish
this my last will & testament, to-wit: -

- I. I desire that my executor hereinafter appointed provide for my body a decent burial, such as is suitable to my station in life.
- II. It is my desire that my executor sell such of my property as may be necessary, in whatever manner and on whatever terms she may deem best & out of the moneys thus arising, pay all my just debts in the order prescribed for their payment by law.
- III. After my debts shall have been paid as provided for in the second article of

this my last will and testament, I will devise and bequeath absolutely to my beloved wife, Ann E. Summerraw, whatever property may still remain in her hands, whether real or personal. Knowing that she will deal with each and every one of my dear children, wisely, kindly and impartially.

IV. Lastly I hereby revoke every former will made by me and declare this to be my last will and testament, and nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Ann E. Summerraw, executrix thereof, and for her assistance in the discharge of the duty herein assigned her, I appoint as her counsel, W. A. Self, Attorney. Signed, sealed & published in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, whose names are hereunto signed in the presence of the testator & in the presence of each other, this 10th day of Aug. A.D. 1889.

Noah Summerraw, Seal
Subscribing witnesses.

G. E. Coulter
J. W. Hardister
(W. A. Self)

Probate of Noah Summerraw's Will

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Noah Summerraw, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, J. F. Sherman, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County, by Ann E. Summerraw, the executrix therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Noah Summerraw, by the oath & examination of Geo. E. Coulter and J. W. Hardister, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both depose and say, and each for himself

he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Noah Summerson. That the said Noah Summerson in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown him as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 6th day of Aug. 1889.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Noah Summerson 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, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request, &c. 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 Noah Summerson was of sound mind & 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 deponents say not.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed, this
16th day of Nov. 1891, before me
J. F. Sherman, Clerk, Sup. Court

Geo. E. (Ant. Seal)
J. W. Hardister (Seal)

Last Will & Testament of J. D. Merrill, dec'd.
North Carolina }
Catawba County }
Sept. 12, 1891 }

I John D. Merrill, being sound in body & mind, but remembering it is appointed to all mortals to die, make and write with my own hands, this my last will and testament revoking all others by me heretofore made:

First of all, trusting in the atonement of Jesus, as my Savior, and of Salvation beyond the grave, I will my soul to God, who gave it, and my body to a decent, but economical burial.

Second: I will that my executor hereinafter named shall pay all my debts, if any are proven to have been unpaid at the time of my death.

Third: I devise and bequeath to my beloved and faithful wife, Alice E. Merrill (who has been a willing and efficient helper in raising and educating my motherless children) the House and Lot on which we now reside, together with any policy of insurance covering the same, and all the household & kitchen furniture therein belonging to me, and not specifically hereinafter bequeathed, and all my books in the house, all pictures and other property of any kind in, and about the house and premises my object being to avoid the necessity of a public sale in my wife's home or about her premises after her death. She to have and to hold over and possess the said House and Lot and other property for and during the term of her natural life, and after her death the same to belong to and vest in our son, Paul and his heirs forever. In case Paul should die without issue before his mother then said property after her death to go to my