

State of North Carolina
Catawba County

19 I, Robert Barkley 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 that is to say:

First, That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereinafter and so whatsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item, I give and devise to my beloved Wife, Mary L. Barkley, if my property, both personal and real during life they equally divided amongst my five children, I.e. Elizabeth, Maria, J. C. Barkley, W. C. Barkley, Mary L. Robinson, Julia C. Lockman, to the rest the Adams Single tract of land including the pin Sigmans, and out buildings around it and the home tract free of all to the Spring.

And lastly, I do fully constitute my son J. C. Barkley, 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 Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I, the said Robert Barkley, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th of May, 1892.

Attest J. B. Beatty

Robert X Barkley

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Robert Barkley 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.

J. B. Beatty
A. H. Sigmans

State of North Carolina
Catawba County } In the
Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Robert Barkley, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County by J. C. Barkley, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Robert Barkley is proven by the oath and affirmation of J. B. Beatty and A. H. Sigmans the subscribing witnesses thereto: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself separately and jointly, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Robert Barkley in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of the 6th day of May, 1892.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Robert Barkley, 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 that 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 the said testator. And the 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 deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, at aforesaid, the said Robert Barkley was of sound mind and memory, of full age, so execute a will, and was not under any restraint for the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent: and further these deponents say not.

C. H. Sigman (Seal)

J. T. Beatty (Seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 30th day of June, 1894, before me.

J. D. Herman, (S.C.)

State of South Carolina
Catawba County

March 24, 1894.

I know all men by these presents that J. Lazarus Ditz of this County of Catawba and State aforesaid, do hereby make this my last will and testament, knowing that it is my appointed for all men to die, my faith is good, and of sound mind and memory.

I will that my land shall be divided equal between W. J. Ditz, J. S. Ditz, C. R. Ditz, M. E. Hawn. the land to be divided so as to be no lost between each other.

I will M. E. Hawn her portion of land to her and her bodily heirs. I will that if C. R. Ditz should die without bodily heirs that her portion of land to fall back to the balance of my heirs. I will that M. E. Hawn shall hold the homestead where she now lives.

I will that if I should die before my wife, Mary Ditz that she shall hold possession of all my real and personal property as long as she lives. I will that my executor to distribute money between the heirs, to give M. E. Hawn her portion into her hand next to her husband.

I do hereby appoint my esteemed sons W. J. Ditz and J. S. Ditz executors of my will.

J. Lazarus Ditz of Catawba County and State of South Carolina, have hereunto set my hand and private seal the year and date above.

Lazarus Ditz (Seal)
Chief Witness
J. C. Whitener