

First Will of R. P. Edwards.

Know all men by these presents.

In the name of God Amen.

Dr. Estlin Edwards, being in a sound state of mind and memory, and being aware of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death do make this his last will and testament in form and words as follows:

To my beloved wife William, for the love ^(and) affection I have for her, do I grant all my personal ^{and} Real Estate to her, during her natural life, provided she outlives me.

On the death of my wife, I have the desire that all my Personal & Real Property, be Equally divided among my Children, namely, Elizabeth

J. Mayhew, S. Hammond, S. North, Josephson and
William L. C. Edwards by Division of Property or
by Sale of Property of equal Division of Proceeds
if said provided they so desire.

It is also my will that Ruth Josephine have fifty Dollars more property or money than any of the balance of my children.

It is my will that all my lawful debts be paid out of my property.

I hereby bequeath Geo. W. Neil my lawful
 Executor to carry out this my last Will
 and Testament.

Signed & Sealed this April the 7th 1881.

All intimations made before signed & sealed.

Watrous, J. B. Esqr. R. P. Edwards, Seal.
J. P. McHenry

Probate of J. P. Edwards Will.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of R. P. Edwards, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, J. F. Herman, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County, by Willie D. Edwards the widow, and the due execution thereof by the said R. P. Edwards by the oath and examination of T. B. Selzer & D. W. McKenzie, the subscribing witnesses thereto, each being duly sworn, doth depose & say, & each for himself that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of R. P. Edwards: That the said R. P. Edwards in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 1st day of April 1881.

And the deponent further saith, that the said P. P. Edwards 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, and 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 P. P. Edwards 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.

Severally sworn and Subscribed,
this 2^d day of July before me. } D. N. W. C. Kungin (Seal)
J. F. Herman (S. C.) } W. B. Setzer (Seal)

Last Will & Testament of Frank Howard.

I, Frank I. Howard, feeling the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do make this my last Will & Testament I will & bequeath to my loving wife C. H. Howard all of the property that I now own real and personal during her natural life & at her death I will that there be an equal divide made among all of my children namely E. F. Howard, J. H. Howard, M. E. Howard, C. H. King, J. V. Howard, C. E. Howard that they all share & share alike.

I appoint J. A. King the executor of this my last Will.

Signed & sealed in the presence of the subscribing witnesses this the 12th day of July 1892.

Attest

John F. Davis
J. H. Sigmon

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Frank I. Howard deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by J. A. King, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Frank I. Howard, by the oath & examination of John F. Davis and J. H. Sigmon the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, both depose and say & each for himself deposes that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Frank I. Howard, in the presence of this deponent, subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 12th day of July, 1892.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Frank I. Howard, 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 & Testament, & this deponent did then subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, & at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that 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 as aforesaid, the said Frank I. Howard, was of full age to execute a will & was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further this deponent say not.

John F. Davis Seal
J. H. Sigmon Seal