

Last Will & Testament of Sophia Cook

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In the name of God amen; I, Sophia Cook, of Catawba County in the State of North Carolina do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills by me heretofore made

First I direct my executors herein after named to pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts and liabilities as soon as can conveniently be done after my decease

Second I give and bequeath to R. E. Linbarger all the tract of land upon which I now live containing about seventy acres said lands adjoin the lands of William Setzer James Cook the lands known as the Safford Gold mine lands and others.

Third I give and bequeath to said R. E. Linbarger all other personal property owned by me

Fourth I hereby nominate constitute and appoint G. D. Drugg executor of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 24th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine
Sophia Cook ^{her} Seal

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator Sophia Cook as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

T. L. Bandy }
J. S. Bandy } witnesses

North Carolina }
Catawba County } In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Sophia Cook deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Court for the said County by R. E. Linbarger the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Sophia Cook by the oath and examination of T. L. Bandy and J. S. Bandy the subscribing witnesses thereto duly proven; who being duly sworn doth 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 Sophia Cook that the said Sophia Cook in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper-writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of the 24th day of June 1889

And the deponent further saith that the said Sophia Cook the testator 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 the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her 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 Sophia Cook 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 this deponent saith not.

Sworn to by T. L. Bandy before
J. F. Herman CLE Oct 12th 1894

T. L. Bandy Seal
J. S. Bandy Seal

Sworn to by J. S. Bandy before me by
J. F. Herman CLE Oct 28th 1894