Will of William Williams

North Carolina }
Catawba County }

In the name of God Amen!

61 I William Williams being of sound mind and memory do make declare and publish this paper writing to be my last will and testament

Item First I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann in case she outlives me, all the real estate and personal property of every kind which I now have or shall have at the time of my death to have and to hold during her life or as long as she remains my widow. Should she marry again then both real estate and personal property which I leave at the time of my death shall go in equal parts to my two children George M. Williams and Annie B. Williams

Item Second – At the death of my wife Mary Ann, should she not lose her title to the property conveyed above by marriage, the same shall go to my two children, George M Williams and Annie B. Williams in equal parts, with this provise; that they shall never have the power to sell as I desire the property to remain in their possession and the possession of their heirs forever

Item Third – Should either George M. Williams or Annie B. Williams die without issue then his or her share shall go to the survivor, and should both die without issue, then the lands conveyed in this will together with all improvements that may be put on them shall go to my son, F. M. Williams and his heirs

Lastly, – I hereby revoke all former Wills made by me and declare the same to be null and void And I hereby appoint Fannie R. Williams the executrix of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal. This 20th day of June 1896

William Williams (Seal)

Signed, sealed declared and published in presence of

these witnesses, who sign the same in the presence of the testator and of each other at his request

A. Cook
W. A. Loftin

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Williams ~~was~~ and is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Fannie R. Williams the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said William Williams proved by the oath and examination of A. Cook & W. A. Loftin the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Williams; that the said William Williams 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 of the 20th day of June 1896

And the deponent further said that the said William Williams 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 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 the said William Williams 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.

A. Cook
W. A. Loftin

Sworn and subscribed by A. Cook this 3rd day of July 1897 before me
Sworn and subscribed by W. A. Loftin The 24th day of July 1897

J. W. Rockett C.S.C.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will & Testament of William Williams dec'd
Let the said Will together with the probate by seconds be filed

J. W. Rockett