

I, W. L. Bruce, of Cherokee County, North Carolina, do hereby declare this to be my last will.

First: I direct that all my just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named, and that my body be given a simple burial and that a suitable monument be placed at my grave.

Second: I give and devise to my wife, Martha B. Bruce, for and during the term of her natural life, all real and personal property, of every description and wheresoever situated, and should at any time it become necessary to provide a suitable subsistence and comfortable support for my said wife, she is authorized and empowered, in her discretion, to sell any part of my real or personal estate to provide funds for such purpose.

Third: After the death of my said wife, the remainder of my estate, both real and personal, is devised and bequeathed as follows: One third thereof to my son, Wayland Bruce; one third thereof to my son, Clifton Bruce, and one third thereof to my two sons, Wayland Bruce and Clifton Bruce, in trust, to be held and managed by them for the benefit of the two children of my deceased son, Sanford Bruce, namely, Don Bruce and Meiba Bruce in equal shares, during their minority, and when they become of full age, their share in my estate is to be delivered to them by said trustee.

Fourth: I designate and appoint my two sons, Wayland Bruce and Clifton Bruce, executors of this will.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal on this 8th day of March, 1927.

W. L. Bruce (deced.)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said W. L. Bruce as and for his last will, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses:

J. W. Thompson
W. D. Townson
D. Witherspoon

Witnesses:

State of North Carolina }
Cherokee County. } ss. In the Superior Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. L. Bruce, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Wayland Bruce, one of the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said W. L. Bruce is proved by the oath and examination of J. W. Thompson, W. D. Townson and D. Witherspoon, the subscribing witnesses thereto, 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 W. L. Bruce; that the said W. L. Bruce, 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 8th day of March, 1927.

And this deponent further saith, that the said W. L. Bruce 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 same 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 W. L. Bruce 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 14th day of February, 1928, before me.
J. G. Kerner
Clerk Superior Court.

J. W. Thompson,
W. D. Townson
D. Witherspoon.

North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court.
 Cherokee County.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of W. S. Hughes, deceased.

Let said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 14th day of February, 1934.

J. E. Heimer,
 Clerk Superior Court.

I, W. S. Hughes of Valleytown Township North Carolina, realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being of sound mind, do hereby wish to make this my last will and testament, on this the third day of October nineteen hundred and thirty three (1933 Oct 3rd)

And after my burial expenses, and just and honest debts have been paid I do hereby bequeath to my beloved wife Mary L. Hughes, the balance of my property both real and personal, in case it however my wife Mary L. Hughes should die first then this will to be null and void. And for the execution of this my will, I do appoint my beloved wife Mary L. Hughes as executrix

Signed Sealed W. S. Hughes
 and delivered in the presence of
 J. M. Morrow S. R.
 R. G. Webb M. R.

State of North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court.
 Cherokee County.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. S. Hughes, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by Mary L. Hughes the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said W. S. Hughes is proved by the oath and examination of J. M. Morrow and R. G. Webb the subscribing witnesses thereto, 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 W. S. Hughes, and that the said W. S. Hughes, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid.