

Gaston County: In the Superior Court

In the Matter of the Will of } Before

Alexander S. Bradley

J. B. White. Clerk. Superior Court.

William Bradley, being duly Sworn, doth Say:

That Alexander S. Bradley, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; And Affiant William Bradley is the Executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Alexander S. Bradley, consisting of about 200 Acres of land, and Stock of Horses, Mules, Cattle and other personal property is worth about \$5000. So far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application, and that Eliza Bradley, widow of Testator, and his Children, Solomon Bradley and this Affiant William Bradley, are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 22nd day of December 1895

Wm Bradley

J. B. White. Clerk. Superior Court

I, Alexander S. Bradley, of the County of Gaston, State of North Carolina, 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 Witness whereof I have 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 any just debts, howsoever due to whomsoever owing, out of the first monies that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends. And I pay all funeral expenses, together with any just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the first monies that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item, I give and devise to my beloved Wife Elizabeth a lifetime maintenance from the proceeds of my plantation on which we now live. Also the part of my dwelling house now occupied by us, together with the Kitchen and all the Household and Kitchen furniture.

Item, I give and devise to my son William Bradley, the Plantation that we now live on, being the Home place, adjoining lands Wm Bell, Franklin Holland & others, containing something over Two hundred Acres.

Item, I give and devise to my son Solomon Bradley all the balance of my personal property, including all Monies, Judgments, Mortgages, Notes, Accounts, together with all the Horses, Mules, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, &c. Also all the Household & Kitchen furniture after my wife's death, also all the Farming utensils, baggage,

Item, I hereby constitute and appoint my son William, Guardian for my son Solomon; And said Guardian is hereby required not to recognize nor pay any debt that his ward may owe without his (Guardian's) Consent. That is said Guardian is not authorized to suffer his ward to contract any debt or debts. And at the death of my beloved Wife, said Guardian is authorized to sell any such property, as is herein willed to my son Solomon, as he may think proper, either at public or private sale.

Item, I Will and devise to my son William, at the death of my son Solomon, and not before, all such property, of every description as may be in his hands belonging to his ward, Solomon Bradley.

Itern, And lastly, I hereby constitute and Appoint My Son William Bradley, my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last Will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and every part and Clause of the Same, hereby making and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness Whereof, I, The said Alexander S. Bradley do hereunto set my hand and Seal, this the 20th day of March 1898.

Wit:

Alexander S. ^{this} ~~mark~~ Bradley 

O. Pascoe.

John A. Kuntler

State of North Carolina { In the Superior Court
Gaston County {

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Alexander S. Bradley deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk Superior Court for said County, by William Bradley the executor therein mentioned. And the due execution thereof by the said Alexander S. Bradley is duly proven by the oath and examination of O. Pascoe and J. A. Kuntler, 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 Alexander S. Bradley, that the said Alexander S. Bradley, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which was shown as aforesaid, and

that the said Alexander S. Bradley, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which was shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 20th day of March 1878. And the deponent further saith, that the said Alexander S. Bradley 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 said last Will as aforesaid. And at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Alexander S. Bradley 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 22nd day of December 1885. }
{ B. White, C.S.C.

E. Parnor (Seal.)

J. A. Hunter (Seal.)

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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 Alexander S. Bradley deceased. And the same with the foregoing examination and this Certificate, are ordered to be recorded and filed. This 22nd day of December 1885.
J. B. White, Clerk Superior Court.