

I Albert F. Hand of the County of Gaston North Carolina do make this my last will and testament revoking hereby all wills heretofore made by me

I. I wish all my debts all funeral expenses and all claims against my estate to be promptly paid.

II. My oldest son has had land devised to him of the value of about Four Thousand (4000) Dollars. For that reason in the partition of my estate among my children as herein provided I direct that he shall be charged with the sum of Two Thousand Dollars so that each one of the other children shall have from my estate in value Two Thousand Dollars more than he receives. This I think is just to him and them.

III. I wish my home maintained for my dear wife and children as nearly as I have it as is expedient and to that end I give to my wife all the furniture and other articles of personal property used by me in and about that home she to have and use the same for her own benefit and that of all my children in said home. And I do devise the house in Belmont where I live and the lot of land on which it is located (said lot to have a frontage of one hundred and seventy eight ($1\frac{7}{8}$) feet and to extend back two hundred and fifty (250) feet) to my friend Jno. F. Leeper in trust for my beloved wife during her life she to have and use the same for a home for herself and my children. And if it shall seem best to said Trustee and to my wife that this house and lot shall be sold

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IV. I direct my Executor and Trustee hereinafter named shall hold all my estate real and personal collecting all the rents and profits thereof and paying the same over to my wife for her own use and that of all my children equally she to thus keep and maintain the home for herself and them.

V. As each child arrives at the age of twenty one years his or her portion of my estate shall be allotted and shall be paid to him or her by my Executor. The portion of each child shall be an equal share of my estate except the home place which shall not be divided among the children until the death of my wife. And in ascertaining each child's part reference shall be had to the provisions of the second item of this will.

VI. I direct that my mother shall have a maintenance out of the income of my estate to be furnished her by my Executor and all the provisions of this will are made subject to this.

VII. I give my Executor power and authority to sell any of my land and lots in Belmont if he thinks best to make sales to promote the interest of my family and my wife signifies her assent to such sales by

writing.

VIII. I wish my wife if she shall live until all the children arrive at full age to have for her own use an income of three hundred dollars a year and I direct that the allotment to each child shall be so made by my Executor so as to retain in his hands a fund to secure this income to her in the event named. And I do appoint my good friend John F. Leeper to be the Executor of this will and the Trustee of my estate under the provisions.

This March 16 1909.

Albert F. Hand

(Seal)

Witnesses:

P. D. Price

W. S. Charles.

State of North Carolina?.

In the Superior Court.

Gaston County.

In the Matter of the last will of Albert F. Hand-

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of P. D. Price and W. S. Charles the subscribing witnesses thereto? that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named is the last will and testament of Albert F. Hand

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This the 30 day of March 1909.

C. C. Cornwell

Clerk Superior Court.