

I, Anna Blackwood of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being weak in body and of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following.

I give and devise and bequeath unto Samuel Blackwood his heirs and assigns two Acres of Woodland land joining his land.

I give devise & bequeath unto John H. Blackwood his heirs and assigns forever, all the rest of my property.

Real Personal and Misch of what Nature or Kind soever and wheresoever the Same shall be at my death.

And I do nominate and appoint J. H. Blackwood Executor of this my last Will and Testament. And that he provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts.

In Witness Whereof I the Said Anna Blackwood have hereunto set my hand, this 4 day of September 1880.

Anna ^{her} Blackwood
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Signed, declared by the above named Anna Blackwood as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. M. Hall

as witnesses thereof.

J. M. McCreedy
W. A. Pearson

North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Gaston County } December 21st 1880

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Anna Blackwood deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by J. M. Blackwood the Executor therein named. And the due execution thereof by the said Anna Blackwood, is duly proved by the oath and examination of J. M. McCreedy and W. A. Pearson the subscribing witnesses thereof, who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Anna Blackwood.

That the said Anna Blackwood in the presence of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the Fourth day of September 1880. And the deponents further say, that the said Anna Blackwood the testatrix 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 these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said Will as attesting witnesses thereto. and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And these deponents further say that at the said time, when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said Ann Blackwood 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 these deponents.

It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of the said Ann. Blackwood. And the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said J. H. Blackwood executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

J. J. White Probate Judge

Gaston County:- In the Probate Court.

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Oath required by law.

J. J. White Probate Judge

Gaston County:— In the Probate Court.
Before J. J. White

In the Matter of the Will
of Ann Blackwood Decd.

Judge of Probate

J. W. Blackwood being sworn, doth say;
That Ann Blackwood, late of said County, is dead. Having first
made and published her last Will and Testament: And That
the Affiant J. W. Blackwood is the Executor named therein.
Further, that the property of the said Ann Blackwood consisting
of Personal property and land, is worth about \$1000. so far as
can be ascertained at the date of this Application; And That
Samuel Blackwood and this Affiant J. W. Blackwood, both
of Gaston County N.C. are the parties entitled under
said Will to the said property.
sworn to and subscribed before me.

this 21st day of December 1880.

J. J. White Probate Judge

J. W. ^{this} Blackwood