

J. B. White, Clerk, Superior Court.

Gaston County - In the Superior Court.

In the Matter of the Will { Before  
of A. W. Davenport J. B. White, Clerk Superior Court.

J. A. Davenport, being duly sworn, doth say:

That A. W. Davenport, late of said County, is dead, having first made  
and published his Last Will and Testament: And that affiant is the Executor  
named therein.

Further, that the property of the said A. W. Davenport consisting  
of Real Estate & personal property is worth about \$7500. So far as can be  
ascertained at the date of this Application. And that Richard K. Davenport,  
George W. Davenport, Dora Davenport, Ernie Davenport, Anna, Wife of  
L. S. Rozell, Annie Wife of Socke Hilkerson, Ida Wife of Richard Thompson.  
All of full age, and all living in Gaston County, except Anna & Annie,  
who reside in Lincoln County. And Ida who resides in Davidson County.  
Are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property?

J. A. Davenport

Sworn to & subscribed before me, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1886.

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I, A. W. Davenport, of the County of Barton Orvid State of North Carolina, do, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1880, make, Ordain And Publish this as my last Will & Testament in Words and figures following, to wit:

- First I direct my Executor hereinafter named to erect over my body a monument suitable to my position in life.
- Second I direct my Executor to pay for my Tombstone and pay my debts out of any money on hand at my death and if there be not enough then to use any money collected on Notes or Accounts due me.
- Third I devise to my two daughters Dora and Enrice, As tenants in Common One hundred Acres of land to be Surveyed and laid off on the Northern end of my Home place, where I now live. - I direct my Executor to locate said land and designate the lines, with the general indication that he commence the line on the Beatties rd road, North East of my residence and running North Westwardly to the West bank of Dutcherons Creek and marking the tract as near square as the nature of its location and lines will allow.
- Fourth I devise to my two Sons Richard H. Davenport and George M. Davenport, As tenants in Common, the balance of my Home place, after taking off the One hundred Acres mentioned in item Third, and this to be subject to the charge hereinafter named.
- Fifth I will direct that my two daughters, Dora and Enrice shall have a home at my present residence at my first Death in Mineral

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be subject to the Charge hereinafter named.

I Will<sup>do</sup> direct that my two daughters, Dora<sup>nd</sup> Ernice shall have  
a home at my present residence as long as they remain unmarried  
and that they shall be boarded at the table of Richard K. ~~Davenport~~  
and George W. Davenport. Just as they live now with me. And  
that this shall be a charge on the land devised to the said Richard  
K.<sup>nd</sup> George W. Davenport.

I bequeath to my daughter Dora my Organ. And to my daughter  
Ernice my Wheeler<sup>nd</sup> Wilson Sewing Machine.

I bequeath to my daughters Dora<sup>nd</sup> Ernice and my sons Richard K.  
and George W. Davenport. Each a bedstead and a full suit of bed clothing  
for it. They are to have choice in the order in which they are named  
in this bequest begining with Dora.

I Will<sup>do</sup> direct that all the balance of my property, not heretofore named  
be sold by my Executor after thirty day Notice or six months credit  
and that he collect the proceeds of the sale. And that he also collect all  
money due me. And that he then take out of this fund his Commissions.  
Pay for my Tombstone<sup>nd</sup> discharge my debts as above directed and then  
divide the balance left of said fund<sup>nd</sup> my money on hand equally between  
Anna Rossell. Nannie Wilkerson. Ida Thompson. Richard K. Davenport. George  
W. Davenport. Dora Davenport<sup>nd</sup> Ernice Davenport.

I appoint my nephew James A. Davenport the Executor of this Will.

Signed in my presence and attested by us  
in the presence of the testator at his request.  
Witnesses: J. A. Abornay  
A. G. Whayne

A. W. Davenport

(2) State of North Carolina In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of A. W. Davenport deceased  
 Last County, exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk, Superior Court, for said County,  
 is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk, Superior Court, for said County,  
 by J. A. Davenport the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution  
 thereof by the said A. W. Davenport was proven by the oath and examination  
 of J. A. Abernethy and P. Rhyne the subscribing witnesses thereto: Who being duly sworn,  
 doth depose and say, each for himself deposes and saith, that he is a subscribing witness  
 to the paper-writing upon shown him, purporting to be the last Will & Testament  
 of A. W. Davenport, that the said A. W. Davenport, in the presence of this  
 defendant, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing now shown  
 as aforesaid. And which bears date of the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1880.  
 And the defendant further saith, that the said A. W. Davenport the  
 testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid,  
 declare the said paper-writing as subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his  
 last Will & Testament. And this defendant 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 defendant further  
 saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name  
 to the said last Will as aforesaid, And at the time of defendant's  
 subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid,  
 the said A. W. Davenport was of sound mind and  
 able to execute a will. And was not under any undue influence or  
 constraint.

declare the said paper-Writing as Subscript  
Last Will and Testament. And this deponent did therupon subscribe  
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 the said last Will as aforesaid. And at the time of deponent's  
Subscribing his Name as an Attesting Witness thereto. as aforesaid.  
the said A. W. Davenport 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. P. Rhyne (Seal)

J. A. Abernethy (Seal)

J. B. White, C.S.C.

Severally sworn and subscribed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1886, before me.

North Carolina} In The Superior Court.  
 Gaston County } January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1886.

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 A. W. Davenport. And the same. With the foregoing examination  
and this Certificate. Are Ordered to be recorded and filed,  
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declare the said paper-Writing as Subscribed by him<sup>as</sup> exhibited, to be his  
Last Will and Testament. And this defendant did therupon subscribe his  
Name at the end of said Will as an Attesting Witness thereto. And at the  
request<sup>as</sup> in the presence of the said testator. And this defendant further  
Saith, that at the said time when the said testator Subscribed his Name  
to the said last Will as aforesaid. And at the time of defendant's  
Subscribing his Name as an Attesting Witness thereto, as aforesaid,  
the said A.W. Davenport was of sound Mind<sup>as</sup> Memory, of full  
age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge  
information or belief of this defendant. And further these defendants say not.

A.D. Rhyne (Seal)

J.A. Abernethy (Seal).

J.B. White, C.S.C.

Sincerely Sworn<sup>as</sup> Subscribed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1886, before me.

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It is therefore Considered<sup>as</sup> Adjudged by the Court that the said  
paper-Writing, and every part thereof, is the Last Will and Testament  
of A.W. Davenport deceased. And the same, with the foregoing examination  
and this Certificate, are Ordered to be recorded and filed,

J.B. White, Clerk

Superior Court.