

State of North Carolina,  
Gaston County)

In the Superior Court

A paper-writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Catherine J. Shaw, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Mamie J. Wicker & M. G. Shields the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Catherine J. Shaw is proved by the oath and examination of W. S. Gallant & B. G. Bradley 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 & Testament of Catherine J. Shaw that the said Catherine J. Shaw in the presence of this deponent, subscribed her name at the end of said paper-writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day August 1900.

And the Deponent further saith, That the said Catherine J. Shaw the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by

exhibited before me, in and under signed, Clerk of the  
Superior Court for said County, by Mamie J. Wicker  
& M. G. Shields the executors therein mentioned,  
and the due execution thereof by the said Catherine  
J. Shaw is proved by the oath and examination  
of W. L. Gallant & B. G. Bradley the subscribing  
witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn, doth  
depone 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 & Testament of Catherine J. Shaw that  
the said Catherine J. Shaw in the presence of this  
deponent, subscribed her name at the end of said  
paper-writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which  
bears date of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day August 1900.

And the Deponent further saith, That the said  
Catherine J. Shaw the testator 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 & Testament,  
and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his  
name at the end of said Will as an attesting  
witness thereto, as aforesaid; the said Catherine J. Shaw



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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1901 }  
before me } B. G. Bradley Seal  
W. L. Gallant Seal  
C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina, }  
Gaston County }

Will of  
Catherine  
J. Shaw.

Know all men by these presents, that I Catherine  
J. Shaw, of Gaston County in the State of North  
Carolina being of sound mind and disposing mem-  
ory, and in the possession of all my mental facul-  
ties; out mindful of the uncertainty of this earthly  
existence do make, publish & declare this my  
last will & testament.

First, I give, devise and bequeath unto my children,  
Charles J. Shaw, Marice J. Wicker and Mattie S. Shields,  
and unto the children of John B. Shaw, deceased, and Florence  
S. Watson, deceased, after paying all my honest and  
just debts, and burying my body a decent burial  
all of my real estate, consisting of a tract of land situated

just debts, and further that my body, a decent burial  
all of my real estate, consisting of a tract of land situated  
on the waters of Juniper Creek and containing 340 acres  
more or less. Said tract of land to be divided as follows:  
one-fifth to Charles J. Shaw, one-fifth to Mamie J. Wicker,  
one-fifth to Hattie S. Shields, one-fifth to the children of  
John B. Shaw (Mattie Kate Shaw and Clyde Shaw),  
one-fifth to the children of Florence S. Watson (Edwin  
Watson, John Watson and Katharine Watson).

Second. I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughters  
Mamie J. Wicker and Hattie S. Shields, all of my personal  
property of whatever kind I may be in possession of  
at my death, said personal property to be divided  
equally between them.

Third and lastly. I constitute and appoint my daugh-  
ter, Mamie J. Wicker, and my son-in-law M. W. G. Shuck  
executors of this my last will and testament.  
In witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Catherine J. Shaw.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Catherine J. Shaw  
to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in  
her presence, and in the presence of each other, have set our names hereunto  
as subscribing witnesses. This 22nd. day of Aug. 1900.  
J. L. Gassant }  
B. H. Bradley }



State of North Carolina, } In the Superior Court.  
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In the Matter of the last will of Catherine  
J. Shaw:

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of B. G. Bradley and W. L. Gallant the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper-writing propounded by the Executors therein named, is the last will and testament of Catherine J. Shaw, and that the same was duly executed by said Catherine J. Shaw in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Catherine J. Shaw was of sound mind.

It is therefore adjudged that the said paper-writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of Catherine J. Shaw and the Executors therein named qualify as such.

This 15th day of January, 1901.

C. B. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina, } S. S. In the Superior Court.  
Gaston County.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Margaret McHaire deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by W. A. Pearson the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Margaret