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

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Celeste B. Hampton deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Cyrus A. Hampton the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Celeste B. Hampton is proved by the oath and examination of W. E. Lider and Lula H. Davis the subscribing witnesses thereto: Who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for herself deposeth and saith that she is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown her purporting to be the last will and testament of Celeste B. Hampton deceased, and that the said Celeste B Hampton 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 18th day said and [illegible] 1896 [illegible] Celeste B. Hampton [illegible]

of March, 1896

And the deponent further saith, That the said Celeste B Hampton the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited, to be her last Will and Testament, and this deponent did upon subscribe her 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 her name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of Deponents subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Celeste B Hampton 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 this deponents say not.

Severally sworn and subscribed this 7th day of May 1896 before me, W H Davis Clerk Jackson Co Tex

M E Lewis (seal)
Lilla H Davis (seal)

In the name of God, Amen.
I, Otis B. Hampton of the County of Gaston, State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but considering the uncertainties of this life, do hereby make and declare this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1st It is my wish, and I hereby direct, that all my just debts be first paid at my decease,

2nd After the payment of all my just debts, as above directed, I give, bequath and devise all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, of every kind and nature, and wheresoever situated, to my two dear Children, Helen Hampton and Henry Reid Hampton, and I direct that all of said property be divided equally between said Children or as nearly so as it is possible to do.

3rd I hereby nominate and appoint my hus-

possible to do.

3rd I Hereby Nominate and Appoint my trusty and, Cyrus A. Hampton, to be the sole Executor of this, my last Will and Testament, and I direct that he be required to give No bond as such Executor

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 18th day of March, A.D. Eighteen hundred and Ninety-six,

Celeste B Hampton.

We M. E. Linton and Lida H. Davis of the County of Gaston, State of North Carolina, at the request of the above named Celeste B Hampton, in her presence, and in the presence of each other have hereto affixed our names as subscribing witnesses to this, her declared last Will and Testament, this 18th day of March, 1896.

M. E. Linton
Lida H. Davis } Witnesses

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Gaston County

In the matter of the last Will of Celeste B. Hampton,

In appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of W. E. Linker and Lilla K. Davis the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Celeste B Hampton in the presence, and that the same was duly executed by said Celeste B. Hampton in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Celeste B Hampton was of sound mind, It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last Will and testament of the said Celeste B Hampton and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 7th day of May 1896