

I. David Friday of the County of Gaston and State  
of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and Memory,  
but calling to Mind and Considering the uncertainty of  
my earthly existence do make and declare this my  
Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Viz:

First. That my Executors hereinafter named is to provide for  
my body a decent burial suited to the Wishes of my relations  
and Friends and pay all funeral expences together with all  
my just debts if any however and to whomsoever giving  
out of the first Monies that may come into their hands as  
a part or parcel of my Estate.

Second. I give and devise to my beloved Wife Frances Friday  
all my Real Estate of any and all description during  
the term of her natural life and at her decease I will  
that the said Real Estate be devised to John Friday<sup>3d</sup>  
Frances Friday (Children of my son Andrew S. Friday)  
during the term of their natural lives then to their Children  
if any in fee simple forever: And in they should have  
no Children I will that it be devised to the Children of  
my son Marion D. Friday in fee simple forever. And  
I further will that in case my son Andrew S. Friday should  
have any other legitimate Children except those which  
are now living that in that case it be so devised to them

My Son Andrew S. Friday or his wife forever. And  
I further Will that in case my Son Andrew S. Friday should  
have any other legitimate Children except those which  
are now living, that in that case it be also devised to them  
during the term of their natural lives and to their Children  
in fee simple forever.

Third. I Will that my Son Andrew S. Friday have an  
individual Support or Maintenance out of my real estate  
if wanted or needed for his Special use during the term of  
his natural life.

Fourth. I Will ~~and~~ devise to my wife Frances Friday all my  
Personal property of any and all description whatever during  
the term of her natural life. And at her decease I Will that  
it be sold and the proceeds applied as the Real Estate is devised  
under Section Second of this my Will. except one Barn ~~and~~ all  
which I Will to be the property of my son Marvin S. Friday at my wife's decease.

Fifth. I Will ~~and~~ devise to my Grand Daughter Lizzie Friday  
One hundred dollars (\$100.00) out of my Estate when she comes  
to be twenty one years of age. Provided that the said legacy  
shall not be paid until after the decease of my wife.

Sixth. I Will that the expenses necessary to carry this my  
last Will and Testament into effect to be paid out of the proceeds  
of my Estate.

Lastly. I Constitute and Appoint my wife Frances Friday my  
Own Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. Hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. And do hereby declare this and this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said David Friday do herewith set my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1877.

(Signed) David Friday

Signed, sealed and declared by the said David Friday to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witness hereunto.

L. P. Tancer  
W. H. Ramsey

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court  
Gaston County } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1883.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of David Friday deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned

David Friday deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned  
Judge of Probate for said County by Frances Friday the Executrix  
therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said  
David Friday was proven by the Oath and examination of  
John Farmer and W. H. Bonney the Subscribing Witnesses thereto.  
Who being duly sworn, doth depose and say And saith for himself  
deposeth and says, that he is a Subscribing Witness to the paper  
writing now shewn him purporting to be the last Will and  
Testament of David Friday, that said David Friday in the  
presence of this defendant subscribed his name at the end of  
said paper-writing which is now shewn as aforesaid. And  
which bears date of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1877.

And the defendant further saith that the said David Friday  
the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name  
as aforesaid in clause the said paper-writing so subscribed by him  
and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament. And this defendant  
did theretofore subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as  
an attesting witness thereto. And at the request and in the presence  
of 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 the defendant  
subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as  
aforesaid. And at the time of the defendant subscribing his name

as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said  
David Friday 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.

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 David Friday deceased. And the same is  
Ordered to be recorded and filed.

J. J. White Probate Judge

Gaston County; In the Probate Court.  
In the Matter of the Will of } before John J. White.  
David Friday } Judge of Probate

Frances Friday being sworn, doth say, That David Friday, late of  
said County, is dead, having first made and published his last will and  
testament; And that Frances Friday and Marion D. Friday is the  
executrix & executor named therein. Further, that the property of the  
said David Friday consisting of land and personal property is  
worth about \$3500, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this  
application; And that Frances Friday widow of testator, John &  
Frances Friday, the children of Andrew Friday, Marion Friday,  
Andrew S. Friday & Louisa Friday, all of full age & all residents  
of Gaston County except Mrs. Friday & Frances Friday & Louisa Friday

application; and that Frances Friday, Widow of Testator, John & Frances Friday, the Children of Andrew Friday, Marion Friday, Andrew S. Friday & Louisa Friday, all of full age & all residents of Gaston County except Mrs. Friday & Frances Friday & Louisa Friday and part of the Children of Marion & Friday, who are infants and as to residence all are residents in Gaston County, except Andrew Friday whose residence is not known to affiant & Louisa Friday who lives in Rutherford County, are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Swear to and Subscribed before me } Frances Friday  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1883. }  
J. G. White, Probate Judge }

North Carolina } In Probate Court  
Gaston County } Before J. G. White, Judge of Probate  
In the Matter of the Will of } Comended Affidavit  
David Friday }

Frances Friday being sworn doth say, that David Friday, late of said County, is dead, having first made & published his last Will & Testament. And that this Affiant, widow of testator, and M. D. Friday, are the Executrix and Executor therein named. That the said M. D. Friday has filed his written renunciation of his right to qualify as Executor under said Will, and refuses so to qualify.

land and personal property is worth about \$3500. So far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application. And that this Affiant his widow Ed M. D. Friday, Andrew S. Friday his sons, and Vincent, William and David, the sons of said Marion all of full age. And Maria, 19 years. Ida 16 years. James 11 years. John 11 years, Ed Robert 9 years. Other children of the said M. D. Friday and the children of the said Andrew S. viz: Lorissa 13 years, Frances 16 years, & John 15 years. All of said infants being without guardian and all residents in Gaston County except Andrew S. Friday whose residence is not known to affiant Ed Lorissa Friday who lives in Rutherford County, are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

(Signed) Frances Friday

Sown to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1883,

J. B. White, Probate Judge

M. D. Friday the Executrix named in said Will files his written renunciation of said Executanship and refuse to qualify as such or undertake the burdens of said Office and acknowledged the execution of the same before the undersigned Judge of Probate on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1883.

Frances Friday the Executrix named in said Will having

former 17 years, from 17 years, to 18 years, & over thereon  
of the Said M D Friday, And the Children of the Said  
Andrew S. Viz: Lorisa 13 years, Frances 16 years, & John 15 years.  
All of Said infants being without Guardian and all  
residents in Gaston County except Andrew S. Friday  
whose residence is not known to Affiant <sup>and</sup> Lorisa  
Friday who lives in Rutherford County, are the parties  
entitled under Said Will to the Said properties.

(Signed) Frances Friday

Snows <sup>to</sup> and Subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1883,

J G White, Probate Judge

M. D. Friday the Executor named in Said Will filed his  
written renunciation of Said Executanship and refuse to qualify  
as such or undertake the burdens of Said Office <sup>and</sup> acknowledged  
the execution of the same before the undersigned Judge of Probate  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1883.

Frances Friday the Executrix named in Said Will having  
qualified such by taking and subscribing to the Oath required by law  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1883. Letters Testamentary was ~~made~~  
4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1883, issued to her upon the estate of Said  
Executor, David Friday.

J G White, Probate Judge