

North Carolina, Gaston County.

I, David C. Beam of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament.

First, My Executor, hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second, I give and devise to my beloved wife, Ella L. Beam, the tract of land on which I now reside and all other tracts of lands that I may own at this time and all lands that I may own at the time of my death for her natural life or so long as she remains my widow.

Third, I give and devise to all my children all the lands or tracts of lands which I own at the time of my death subject to the life estate or widowhood of my said wife as devised in a former item of this my will; to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever; lands to be equally divided between all of my said children share and share alike.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife all of my personal property of every description whatever that I own at the time of my death forever. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Cephas Beam my lawful executor

my said wife as devised in a former item of this my will; to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever; lands to be equally divided between all of my said children share and share alike.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife all of my personal property of every description whatever that I own at the time of my death forever.

Fifth, I hereby constitute and appoint my son Cephas Beam my lawful executor to all 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 made heretofore.

In Witness whereof, I, the said David C. Beam, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of July, 1900.

D.C. Beam (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said David C. Beam to be his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

C. F. Hunter

A. L. Houser.

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

In the Matter of the last Will of David C. Beam.

It appearing to the court by the oath and examination of C.F.Hunter and A.L.Houser the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of David C.Beam, and that the same was duly executed by said David C.Beam in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said David C.Beam 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 David C.Beam and the executor therein named qualify as such. This the 10th day of April, 1905.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina, Gaston County.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, N.L.Love, of the County and State aforesaid being in feeble health and sound mind, do make this my last will and testament, and