

North Superior Court.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Eli Cox deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County. By D. H. Cox the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Eli Cox is proved by the oath and examination of C. W. Nispeper and M. A. League the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being, duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depareth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Eli Cox that the said Eli Cox in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 21st day of May, 1900.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Eli Cox the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and this deponent 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 said testator.

shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 21st day of May, 1900.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Eli Cox the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and this deponent 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 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 Eli Cox was of a sound mind and memory, and 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.

L. W. Nipper

M. A. League

Severally sworn and subscribed, this 8th day of January, 1901 before me,

L. C. Bonwill

Clerk Superior Court.

Will of
Eli Cox.

North Carolina
Gaston County

I, Eli Cox of 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. I give and bequeth to my son, J. A. Cox all the land contained in the following boundary:

Beginning at a stone on J. A. Cox's line near the branch thence N. 83 E. 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ poles to a stone, thence N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 47 $\frac{3}{4}$ poles to a stone, thence S. 82 W. 41 $\frac{1}{4}$ poles to a stone, thence S. 2 W. 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ poles to the beginning said to contain 12 $\frac{5}{16}$ acres more or less, being part of my home place.

Second. I, Eli Cox, give and bequeth to my four grand-children, Irene Hamilton, Jennie Hamilton, Stella Hamilton and Gussie Hamilton all the land contained in the following boundary: Beginning at a White oak on the line allotted to J. A. Cox as shown on plot made by A. W. Hoffman, and run S. 76 E. 71 poles to a stone thence N. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ W. 44 poles to a stone on the road, thence S. 82 W. 65 poles to a stone on A. C. Stroup's line, thence S. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ poles to the beginning, containing by estimation 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres more or less.

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Third. I, Eli Cox give and bequeath to my son E. S. Cox all of the balance of my said home place after cutting off all of the two above named tracts, containing about 55 acres more or less, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a White oak on J. A. Cox's line, thence S. 76 E. 71 poles to a stone on J. W. Craig's line, thence with Craig's line S. 6 1/4 E. 72 poles to a stake, thence S. 83 W. 115 poles with John Cox's line to a stake, thence N. 20 W. 16 poles to a stake, thence N. 26 E. 48 1/2 poles, with J. A. Cox's line to the beginning of the tract, I gave J. A. Cox, thence with the said tract N. 88 E. 42 3/4 poles to a stone, thence N. 72 W. 32 1/4 poles to the beginning.

Fourth. I, Eli Cox, hereby constitute and appoint W. H. Cox my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true meaning and intent of the same, sell out all the loose property and divide the money equally among my heirs. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, this 21st day of May 1900.

Witness:

L. W. Myer J. P. 
M. A. League

Eli Cox 
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In the Matter of the last Will of Eli Cox.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of C. W. Nipper and W. A. League the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper-writing propounded by the executor therein named, is the last will and Testament of Eli Cox and that the same was duly executed by said Eli Cox in the presence of said witnesses and at the time of signing the same the said Eli Cox 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 Eli Cox and the executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 8th day of January 1900.

L. L. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.

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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