

Application for
Letters Testamentary

Gaston County, In the Probate Court

In the Matter of the Will of } Before
of Elizabeth Blackwood. dec'd }

J B White l.e.s.l.c

Jno. J. Gamble being duly sworn, doth say, That Elizabeth Blackwood, late of said County deceased, having first made and published her last Will and Testament; And that Affiant J. J. Gamble is the Executor named therein,

Further, that the property of the said Elizabeth Blackwood consisting of Real and personal property is worth about \$1350.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application. And that Margaret Blackwood, Mary J. Blackwood, William D. Gamble, John J. Gamble, and Elizabeth Gamble, all of full age and all residents of Gaston County, are the parties entitled under said Will to said property.

J. J. Gamble
sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of November 1883,

J. B. White l.e.s.l.c.

The Will of
Elizabeth Blackwood

" I, Elizabeth Blackwood of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sane mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, First That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body

being of sane mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. That is to say, First That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suited to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of any money that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item 1st I give and devise to my two Sisters Margaret and Mary Blackwood my interest the one third part of the place or tract of land whereon we now live also one third of the Hooves tract and also the one third of the Adams tract. Also my one third interest in all the personal property.

Item 2nd. My Will and desire is that after the death of my two Sisters above named, that my estate go to my Nephews John J. Gamble except the Adams tract which said tract go to my Nephew Eideon B. Gamble, also one bed to my Niece Elizabeth Ann Gamble.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my Nephew John J. Gamble 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. In Witness Whereof I the said Elizabeth Blackwood do hereby set my hand and Seal this 18th day of March AD 1882.

Signed Sealed and declared in presence of {

J. B. Casson
J. F. Thomas

Elizabeth Blackwood

State of North Carolina } In the Court
 Gaston County } November 6th 1883

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Blackwood deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by J. J. Gamble the executor therein mentioned & the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Blackwood, was duly proved by the oath & examination of J. B. Carson & J. B. Thomas the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose & say, & 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 Elizabeth Blackwood, that the said Elizabeth Blackwood in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid & which bears date of the 18th day of March 1882, and the deponent further saith, that said Elizabeth Blackwood the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her & exhibited, to be her Last Will & Testament, & this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, & at the request & in the presence of the said testatrix, & this deponent further that at the ^{said} time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said Will

the testatrix 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 ^{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 the said testatrix. ^{And} this deponent further that at the ^{said} time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said Will as aforesaid, ^{And} at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Elizabeth Blackwood, 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 Elizabeth Blackwood deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded ^{and} filed.

Said will And thereupon J. J. Garble the executor therein named in as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such by taking ^{and} subscribing to the oath required by law. And taking letters testamentary thereon. This 6th day of November 1883.
J. B. White Clerk
Superior Court.