

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, Erasmus H. Rankin of Gastonia, Gaston County, North Carolina, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, Publish and declare this my last will and testament:-

First:- My executor or executrix, 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 (if any), out of the first moneys, which may come into her hands belonging to my estate.

Second- I give and devise to my beloved wife, Mary S. Rankin, all of my property and estate, real, personal and mixed, to have and to hold the same during the term of her natural life.

Third:- At the death of my said wife, Mary S. Rankin, I give and devise to Basil Gray Campbell, (the boy now living with me and whom I have raised), my Home Place on South Oakland street, in said Gastonia, North Carolina, adjoining the City Grade School property, and in which I now reside, absolutely and in fee, subject only to the life estate in same devised to my said wife. in the second paragraph of this will; but with this condition, however, to-wit: if said Basil Gray Campbell die before my wife and leave no lineal descendants, this property, shall go to all and every

dition, however, to-wit: if said Basil Gray Campbell die before my wife and leave no lineal descendants, this property, shall go to all and every of my next of kin in equal degree, share and share alike, upon and at the termination of the said life estate of my said wife.

Fourth:- Should I acquire any other real estate, and be seized of same at my death, I give and devise the same to my said wife, for the term of her natural life; then same to go to said Basil Gray Campbell, upon the same terms and conditions, contained in the third paragraph hereof, and with the added provision, that same be held in trust for him until he attains the age of twenty-five years, at which time, possession shall be given to him, after the termination of the said life estate of my said wife, and subject to the said terms and conditions, contained in said paragraph "third".

Fifth:- I will that all personal and mixed estate or property shall, upon the death of my said wife, go to said Basil Gray Campbell, in trust, till he attains the age of twenty-five years; a trustee to be appointed by the proper legal authority to hold the same, together with any real property, which has been disposed of in fourth paragraph hereof; that is, any real property, which I may acquire between this date and my death and die ^{then} seized of; at said age to be delivered to him, after the life estate in

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same is terminated. And, I direct that if the income from my estate is not sufficient to properly support my said wife during her life, then she is empowered to use as much of the said personal estate as may be required for said purpose.

Sixth:- I nominate, constitute and appoint my said wife, Mary S. Rankin, my lawful executrix 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 heretofore made.

In Witness whereof, I, the said Erastus H. Rankin, do hereby set my hand and seal, this the 21st day of June, 1912.

Erastus H. Rankin, (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Erastus H. Rankin 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 witnesses thereto.

W. H. Adams (Seal)

R. G. Rankin (Seal)

Residence of witnesses:

Gastonia, N. C.

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court.

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W. H. Adams (Seal)

R. G. Rankin (Seal)

Residence of witnesses:

Gastonia, N. C.

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court.

Eston County.

In the Matter of the last will of Erastus H. Rankin.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of W. H. Adams and R. G. Rankin, the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executrix therein named, is the last will and testament of Erastus H. Rankin And that the same was duly executed by said Erastus H. Rankin in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Erastus H. Rankin 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 Erastus H. Rankin and the Executrix therein named qualify as such.

This the 20 day of January, 1916.

C. C. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.