

State of North Carolina,

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County of Gaston.

I, George A. Gray, of said County and State, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament, That is to say, after a sufficient amount of my personal property has been used to defray the expense of giving my body a proper and decent burial, in keeping with my station in life, I will, bequeath and devise that all the residue of my property, both real and personal, be given and distributed as follows:

Item #1. I give and devise to my wife, C.J. Gray, an estate for her life in my residence real estate in which, and upon which I now reside, situated in the Town of Gastonia, North Carolina, on the corner of Franklin and South Streets, including the lot and all buildings and appurtenances situated on, and pertaining to same, and after the death of my said wife, the said Residence property is to be sold and the proceeds from the sale of same is to be equally divided among and between my children, hereinafter named and designated, subject however to the provisions hereinafter made and set out regarding advancements, but if my said children heretofore mentioned shall decide or mutually agree among and between themselves that any one of them shall have and hold the said residence property, then in that event I desire that the same be done, provided that the child so receiving such residence property account to my other chil-

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that the child is receiving such property, and to the extent that will make all my children herein named in such a way and to the extent that will make all my children have an equal share of my property, both real and personal, if such accounting should become necessary to make an equal division in case one should take the Residence Property, as aforesaid.

Item #2. In addition to the life interest in my residence Property, as aforesaid, I will, devise, and bequeath to my said wife and equal share with my said children in all the residue of my property, both real and personal, and at or after the death of my said wife the same to be equally divided between and among my said children, herein named, my said wife to have a life interest in said property or share mentioned in this item.

Item #3. I will, bequeath and devise to my said children herein named an equal share in all my property, and that they share and share alike, subject to rights and property herein devised and bequeathed to my said wife, and any property, such as real estate and stocks which I have heretofore given or conveyed to any of my said children, or any property which I may hereafter give or convey to any of my children herein named, shall be considered advancements to said children, and any of my said children who have received property, or who may hereafter receive property from me, as aforesaid, shall account for same in the division of my estate, as aforesaid, and any such property so given or received shall be taken into consideration in arriving at an equal division of my prop-

erty among and between my children, as aforesaid.

Item #4. It is my will and desire that so much of my life insurance money as may be necessary be used and applied to the satisfaction of my lawful and just debts, but if my wife and children herein named think best and mutually agree that other of my property shall be used and applied to the satisfaction of my said debts, then they may exercise their will and judgment, as aforesaid, in the payment, settlement, and satisfaction of said debts.

Item #5. In consideration of the property I have herein given, devised and bequeathed my said wife and children herein named shall provide a reasonable support for my sisters, May E. Gray, and Narcissus Gray, during the life of my said sisters.

Item 6. My children herein mentioned, and who are to take under this will are as follows: May Gray, Separk, J. Lander Gray, Ethel C. Gray, George A. Gray, Jr., Charles D. Gray, S. Blanche Gray, Maud V. Gray, and Myrtle O. Gray.

Item 7. Reposing confidence and trust in my wife, C. J. Gray, and in my son-in-law, J. H. Separk, and in my son, J. Lander Gray, I hereby name, constitute, and appoint the said C. J. Gray, J. H. Separk, and J. Lander Gray my executrix, and executors to carry out the provisions of this will.

of this will.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared, by the said George A Gray, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto, on this the 6th. day of September, 1905.

George A. Gray, (Seal)

Thos W. Wilson.

A. G. Mangum.

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

In the matter of the last will of George A. Gray.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Thos. W. Wilson and A. G. Mangum, the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Geo. A. Gray and that the same was duly executed by said George A. Gray in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Geo. A. Gray was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted

ted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Geo. A. Gray, and the executors therein named qualify as such.

This the 19th. day of February, 1912.

C.C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.