

State of North Carolina } Before E. L. Wilson
 Gaston County } Clerk Superior Court.

In the matter of the last will
 of James J. Harrelson decd.

M. L. Rudisill being duly
 sworn doth say; That James J. Harrelson late of said
 County is dead, having first made and published his last
 will and testament and that he is the Executor named
 therein. Further, that the property of the said J. J. Harrelson
 consists of a tract of land known as his home place of
 about 110 acres, worth about \$1000. and personal property
 Notes &c. worth about \$240 so far as can be ascertained at
 the date of this application and that Valentine Roberts,
 Susan Macassee, Joseph Harrelson, Jefferson
 Harrelson, William Harrelson, Barbara Harrelson
 Dempsy Harrelson Jane Moss and Margaret Harrelson
 are the parties entitled under said will to the said
 property.

M. L. Rudisill

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 the 11th day of May 1881.

E. L. Wilson, clerk.

One 11 day of May 1881.

O. D. Wilson, Clerk.
Superior Court.

State of North Carolina
Gaston County.

I, James J. Harrelson, In the name of God, Amen.

Being of sound mind and memory but considering
the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare
this my last will and testament in manner and form:
that is to say.

My executor herein after named shall provide for my
body a decent burial with a suitable tombstone also tombstone
for my wife Margret Harrelson also tombstone for my
son William Harrelson. Provided my son William
Harrelson dies under the age of Twenty one years
of age and pay all my funeral expenses and allow
funeral expenses of my wife Margret Harrelson
and all my just debts to whomever and whomever
owing out of the money that may first come into the
hands of my executor as a part of my estate.

Record. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margret
Harrelson all my plantation whereon I now live
to have and to hold every part thereof during her

natural life or widowhood. Though if my wife Margret
Harrison should marry again then my land shall be
sold by my executor and the purchase money divided
equally between my children as follows. Volentine Roberts
Susan Macomber. Joseph Harrison Jefferson Harrison
William Harrison. Burha Harrison Lemmy Harrison
and Jane Moss except to my son Jefferson Harrison
to him only One dollar

Third

I give and bequeath to my wife Margret Harrison
all my personal property of every description during
her Natural life or widowhood though at her death or
marriage the property shall be sold by my executor and
divided equally between my children excepting my
son Jefferson Harrison, to him only One dollar as herein
above named

Fourth

At my death if more stock than my wife Margret
Harrison needs, said stock whatever kind it may be to be
sold by my executor, the purchase money for said stock
to be held by my executor for the benefit of my wife Margret
Harrison provided she at any time becomes really in
need of it. If said money is not disposed of until my
wifes death, then to be disposed of equally between
my children except the above exception, to my son

Fifth

to be held by my executor for the benefit of my wife Margaret
Harelson provided she at any time becomes really in
need of it. If said money is not disposed of until my
wifes death, then to be disposed of equally between
my children except the above exception, to my son
Jefferson Harelson, to him only one dollar

I do here ^{constitute and} appoint my trusty friend M. L. Rudicill
my executor to this my last will and testament, to execute
the same according to the true intent and meaning of the
same, hereby revoking and annulling all other wills and
testaments by me heretofore made. This the 31st day of Aug.
1889. In testimony whereof, I the said James F. Harelson
hath hereunto set my hand and seal.

Original, Sealed and declared by the said James F. Harelson
to be his last will and testament in the presence of
us who at his request, in his presence do subscribe our
names as witnesses thereto.

James F. ^{his} Harelson ^{name} 

With
W. A. McGinnis.
J. R. Straup.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court.
Gaston County. } Before the Clerk.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James F. Harrelson deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by M. L. Radzill the Executor therein mentioned and the following evidence was taken on the oath and Examination of the following persons.

N. J. McGinnis says on oath that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing shown except the following portions to wit, all that part of the last line of the second paragraph containing the words "and also my daughter Lemfy Harrelson" also the words "and also my daughter Lemfy Harrelson" contained in the last line of the third paragraph. Also the words "And also my daughter Lemfy Harrelson" contained in the last line of the fourth paragraph. Also all that portion following the signature of James F. Harrelson and purporting to be a Codicil to said will. That all the aforesaid parts were added by me at the request of N. J. Harrelson who came to me with the Original will about the 4th day of April 1891, and requested me to add the same.

will added by one at the request of J. F. Harelson who came to me with the Original will about the 4th day of April 1891, and requested me to add the same. That said testator James F. Harelson desired to have the same added, and on said request witness made said additions aforesaid, that said testator was not present nor did he ever afterwards in his presence approve or affirm the same. That all the other and remaining portions of said paper writing was subscribed by the said James F. Harelson with his mark in the presence of this deponent at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears date August 31st 1889.

And the said J. C. Straup on oath says that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing aforesaid now shown him, except the following portions, to wit: The following concluding words at the end of paragraphs second, third and fourth, and also, my daughter Emily Harelson" also all that part following the signature of the testator James F. Harelson. That said words contain what purports to be a codicil but the same together with the words aforesaid were not contained in the paper writing at the time deponent subscribed the same as a witness.

That all the remainder of said paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James F. Harrelson was signed by the said James F. Harrelson in the presence of this deponent and which bears date August 31st 1889. And said deponents further say each for himself, that the said James F. Harrelson the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing (not including the parts added as aforesaid) 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 the said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as a witness thereto as aforesaid, the said James F. Harrelson 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. And further these deponents say not.

N. J. McQuinn

A. L. Strick

Subscribed and Sworn to
before me, this May 11th 1891

J. L. Straup.

E. L. Wilson c.s.c.

N. O. Harrelson being duly sworn says; that he knows nothing of the Execution of the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of James J. Harrelson except that the said Harrelson in his last sickness, a few days before he died, gave said paper writing to deponent with a request to take the same to N. J. Mc Ginnes the Original writer of the will and ask him to add the words "and also my daughter Emily Harrelson" at the ends of paragraphs "Marked" "second" "Third" and "Fourth" and also to add the writing which purports to be a codicil at and below the will. That he took the paper writing, as aforesaid, to said Mc Ginnes who made said additions and he and said deponent signed the same as witnesses, expecting to have the said James J. Harrelson to affirm and acknowledge the same in a short time but said Harrelson died in a very short time thereafter without ever having seen or acknowledging the same. And further this deponent saith not. N. O. Harrelson
Subscribed and Sworn to before me, May 11, 1891. E. L. Wilson c.s.c.

North Carolina } Adjudication upon the last
 Gaston County } will of James F. Harrelson.

Whereupon the court doth on said foregoing evidence
 adjudge and decree that all of said paper writing
 so exhibited purporting to be the last will and testa-
 ment of James F. Harrelson, late of said County is
 his last will and testament except the words "and
 also my daughter Emily Harrelson" at the end of
 paragraphs marked "second" "third" and "fourth"
 respectively and also all that part following the will
 and purporting to be a codicil. as to these words and
 part purporting to be a codicil. The court adjudges
 that the same is no part of the will nor is it a
 codicil and the same shall not be recorded as
 such, and that the said executor named in said
 will qualify as such.
 This 11th day of May 1891.

E. L. Wilson c. s. c.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
 Gaston County. } Before E. L. Wilson c. s. c.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Gaston County. } Before E. L. Wilson C. S. C.

In the matter of the Administration }
of the Estate of James R. Smith. }

Jacob Kiser being sworn duly says: That James R. Smith
latter of said county is dead leaving a last will and
testament and R. J. Glenn the Executor therein named
has renounced his Office of Executor in writing
The said Jacob Kiser there fore applies for Letters of
Administration with the will annexed, on the Estate of the
said James R. Smith. Further that the value of
said Estate so far as can be ascertained at the date of
this application is about One Thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars
and that Annada E. Smith (widow) Elizabeth E. Mauney
John M. Smith. Sarah J. Glenn and James M. Smith
are entitled as heirs and distributees thereof.

Jacob Kiser
Sworn and Subscribed before me, This 26th day of
May 1891.

E. L. Wilson C. S. C.