

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, James H. Connell, of the 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. My Executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second, I give and bequeath to my son J. Robert Connell in lieu of his interest in my lands one note given by him to me for the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars and dated April 8th 1896.

Third I give and devise to my son Dennis R. Connell seventy seven acres of land including my old residence on the land I inherited from my fathers estate To wit - Four and one half acres of the M. R. Armstrong lands, six and one half acres of the Jacob Underwood lands, fifteen acres of the Aaron Jenkins lands, Thirty seven acres of the old home tract including the residence above named and fourteen acres of the James Henderson land adjoining the old home tract.

Fourth. I give and devise to my son J. Lenerd Connell ninety four

son land adjoining the old home tract.

Fourth. I give and devise to my son J. Lenerd Connell ninety four acres of land lying on the west side of my dwelling line to run from U.L. Black's line S or as near S as convenient to Dutchmans creek.

Fifth. I give and devise to my son W. Thomas Connell one hundred and four acres of land on the northern portion of the lands remaining undisposed of and including my present residence, line to run from a point on the J. Leneard Connell line S. of E to Dennis R. Connell line.

Sixth The residue of my lands consisting of one hundred and fifty-nine acres more or less lying on the south side of the place and on Dutchmans creek I give and devise equally to each of my three daughters Laura E. wife of S.J. Black, C. Florence wife of W.D. Beatty and S. Lenora wife of A. R. Beatty to be equally divided between each of them

SEventy I give and bequeath to each of my daughters Laura, Florence and Lenora the sum of fifty dollars each and to my daughter-in-law Carrie M. Wife of W. T. Connell the sum of twenty five dollars to be paid by my executor within two years from the date of my death out of the moneys belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of (which sum together with the advancements they had from me at the time of their marriage will make them a fair and equitable portions according to the value of my estate)

Eight My will and desire is that the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my children in equal proportion - share and share alike.

Ninth I hereby constitute and appoint my son W. Thomas Connell my lawful executor to all intent 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.

In witness whereof I the said James H. Connell do hereunto set my hand and seal This the 1st day of July 1904.

J. J. Connel (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declired by the said James H. Connell 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 witness thereto.

A. U. Stroup

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In the Matter of the Last Will of James H. Connell.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of A. U. Stroup and J. M. McIntosh the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of James H. Connell and that the same was duly executed by said James H. Connell in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said James H. Connell was of sound mind. It is there upon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said James H. Connell and the Executor therein named qualify as such.  
This the 13th day of February 1908.

C. C. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.