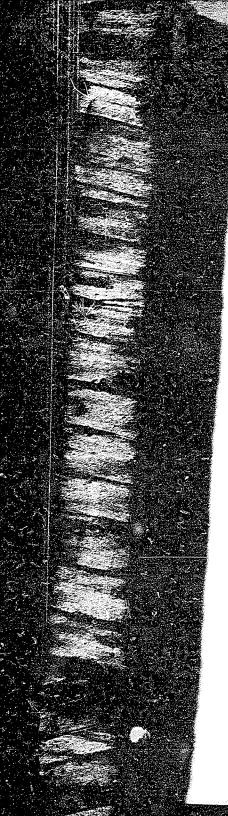
North Carolina, Gaston County.

I. James M. Blackwood, of the aforesid 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 hereinefter 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, out of my personal property, and if that is not sufficient, out of my real estate, but until all my other real and personal property shall have been used for this purpose, my executor shall not so use the 77 scres of my home tract on which I now reside, hereinafter given and devised to my two children, William Boyce Blackwood and Susan Bright Blackwood.

Second: I give and devise to my two chil ren, William Boyce Blackwood and Susan Bright Blackwood, and their heirs, in fee simple, all my home tract on which I now reside, being the 77 acres I boght from Jas.C.

Anthony, Jan. 21, 1902, by ded recorded in Book 50, page 127, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a sweet gum on North side of spring branch, runs nearly up the branch N. 47 W. 54 poles to a stone formerly a persummen; thence N. 69 W. 50-3/4 poles to a black gum; thence South 75 poles to a stone; thence S. 35 W. 60 poles to a stake; thene S. 55 E. 75 poles to a W. Q or stake: thence with the meanderings of the branch



poles to a stone; thence S. 38 W. 60 poles to a stake; theme S. 55 E. 75 poles to a W. Q or stake; thence with the meanderings of the branch to the mouth of the spring branch; themse to the aginning, adjoining S. E. Poy, James Torrence, Pisgah parsonage lot, Boyce Whitesides and oters, one half of said 77 acres is hereby given and devised to each of my said two children, Willam Boyce Blackwood and Susan Bright Blackwood, said bequest of 77 acres, herein made, is made to equalise said William Boyce Blackwood and Susan Brag ht Blackwood with my other two children, Buth B. Beungardner and Lessie M. Adams to whom I made advancements of real estate, Feb. 10,1910, I estimate this bequest now made to William Boyce Blak wood and Susan Bright Blackwood worth one thousand dollars to each of them, See agreement registered in Book 81, page 473, Register of Deeds office.

Thirds After this 77 acres has been given and devised to William Boyse Blackwood and Susan Bright Blackwood, and after my debts have been paid, I give and devise all the residue and remainder of my real and personal property, share and stare alike, in equal parts to my four children, William Boyce Blackwood, Susan Bright Blackwood, Ruth B. Baumgardner and Lessie M. Adams.

By William Boyce Blackwood's and Susan Bright Blackwood's taking

the 77 acres under this will, I consider my other children released from further eccounting for advancements in said agreement, Pegistered in book 81, page 473, of Pegister Deeds office.

This will is made subject to the dower rights of my widow and does not affect said dower rights.

Fourth— Whereas mytwo children William Boyce Blackwood and Susan Bright
Blackwood are now minors, Now therefore my will and desire is that my present
wife M. S. Blackwood, be and she is hereby constituted and apeinted guardian
to the said William Boyce Blackwood and Susan Bright Blackwood until he is twenty
one years of age and also of Susan Brights Blackwood until she is twenty one
years of age.

Fifth- I hereby appoint and constitute my wife, M.S. Blackwood 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, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I, the said James M.BLackwood do hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of February, 1912.

James X M. Blackwood (Seal)

Witnessest

John F.B Rodley

J. Boyce Foy.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James M. Blackwood to be his last will and testam ent in the presence of us, who, at his request, and in his presence of, and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John F. Stadley

(Seal)

J. Boype Foy

(Seal)

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court,

Gasta County.

In the Matter of the last will of James M.BLackwood.

It appearing to the Court by the eath and examination of J.Boyce Foy and John F.

Bradley the subscribing witnesses therete, that the paper writing propoun ed by

the Executor thereon named, is the last will and tesament of James M.Blackwood

and that the same was duly executed by said James M.BLackwood in the presence

of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said James M.Blackwood was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing

be chitted to prob te as the last will and testament of the said James M.Blackwood the Executor therein maned quality as suched. This December 22, 1915.