

Gaston County, State of North Carolina.

I, John F. Bryson, of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of life, do make and declare this my last will and testament.

FIRST. My executor, Robert F. Ratchford, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, including a nice and neat tombstone, and pay all my just debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands, belonging to my estate.

SECOND. I give and devise to my beloved wife, Mary A. Bryson, the use, during her lifetime, of all my personal property and real estate which I have or may have at my death.

I also give and devise to my said wife, Mary A. Bryson, the rents, interests, profits, and incomes from my personal property and real estate as long as she lives. If the said rents, interests, profits and incomes shall not be sufficient to maintain my said wife, Mary A. Bryson, she may use, and I hereby give and devise unto her so much of the principal or body of my personal property, moneys and notes, as shall be sufficient to give her a good comfortable living, during her lifetime, and also provide for her a nice suitable burial, and pay her doctor bills, tombstones and funeral expenses.

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THIRD. All property which my wife Mary A. Bryson has or did have at our marriage, she may dispose of as she may see fit.

FOURTH. After the death of my wife, and the payment to her and on her account of the sums above specified, I give and devise, of the residue or remainder of my estate, one hundred dollars to my niece, Mrs Edna Kirkland.

FIFTH. After the death of my wife, and the payment to her and on her account of the sums specified above, and after the payment to my niece, Mrs Edna Kirkland, of the sum above specified, I wish and direct all the residue or remainder of all my personal property and real estate to be divided into three equal parts, and I hereby give and devise one of said equal parts to each of my three sisters (or in the event a sister is dead the legal heirs of such deceased sister shall receive the deceased sister's share) as follows:

I give, devise and bequeath unto my sister Mrs Martha E. Ratchford, or to her legal heirs in the event she is dead, one-third of all the said residue or remainder of all my personal property and real estate, after the death of my wife, and the payment to Mrs Edna Kirkland.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my sister Mrs Sarah E. Warren, or in the event she is dead, to her legal heirs. one third of all the said residue or remainder of all my real estate and personal property after the death of my wife and the payment to Mrs Edna Kirkland.

I give, devise and bequeath to the legal heirs of my sister Mrs Mary C. Huffstetler, who is now dead, one third of all the said residue or remainder of — all my personal property and real estate after the death of my wife and the payment to Mrs Edna Kirkland.

Sixth. I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend and nephew, Robert F. Ratchford, 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 by me made.

In Witness whereof, I, the said John F. Bryson, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of March, 1910.

his
John F. X Bryson
mark

Witness to signature (mark) of

said John F. Bryson:

John F. Bradley

John A. Hunter.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John F. Bryson to be his last

John F. Bradley

John A. Hunter.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John F. Bryson 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.

John F. Bradley

John A. Hunter.

State of North Carolina,

' In the Superior Court.

Gaston County.

In the Matter of the Last will of John F. Bryson;

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of John F. Bradley and J. A. Hunter the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of John F. Bryson and that the same was duly executed by said John F. Bryson in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said John F. Bryson 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 John F. Bryson and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 28th day of June, 1912.

C. C. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.