

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, Joseph L. Riddle of said County and State, being of sound mind, but mindful of the uncertainty of life, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, hereby expressly revoking and declaring utterly void and of no effect all wills heretofore by me made.

Item 1. I give my body to the earth whence it came and commend my soul to God who gave it.

Item 2. It is my will, and I so direct that my Executor hereinafter named give me a burial suitable to my station in life and agreeable to the wishes of my family and friends.

Item 3. It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of the first money coming into the hands of my Executor hereinafter named, and belonging to my estate.

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph W. Riddle the sum of twenty five (25) dollars in cash to be paid out of any money or personal property on hands at the time of my death, and in case there should not be sufficient money or personal property to pay said sum of twenty five (25) dollars, then the same shall be a charge upon all the land of which I die seized and possessed, but the said claim shall not be collected

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Item 5. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Dora Riddle all money, stock, provisions and personal property of every description owned by me at my death, except so much thereof as shall be necessary to pay my funeral expenses, just debts, and the legacy mentioned in item 4 of this instrument.

Item 6. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Dora Riddle all the land of which I may die seized and possessed for the term of her natural life, provided she does not again marry, at her death, or in the event of her again marrying, then it is my will and I hereby direct my Executor hereinafter named to sell said land by public auction or private sale as he shall deem best, and that the proceeds be equally divided among my son Joseph W. Riddle, the two children of my wife, Dora Riddle by a former marriage, viz: Annie Wilson and Seth Wilson and any child or children that may hereafter be born to me and my said wife Dora Riddle.

Item 7. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Rufus B. Wilson, of Gastonia, Gaston County, N.C. my lawful Executor to execute this my last will and testament and every part thereof according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Joseph L. ^{his} X Riddle (Seal)
mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Joseph L. Riddle to be his last will and testament in our presence who in his presence and at his request signed the same as witnesses, this 17th day of December, A. D. 1903.

Witnesses.

W. H. Hoffman

L. T. McLean.

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Rufus B. Wilson, the Executor hereinbefore appointed, having died,
I hereby constitute and appoint E. Lee Wilson, my lawful Executor to execute this
my last will and testament.

This Aug. 7th, 1905.

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J. F. Mason

E. L. Mason.

State of North Carolina,
Gaston County.

In the Superior Court.

In the Matter of the last will of Joseph L. Riddle-
It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of J. F. Mason and E. L. Mason
the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the
Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Joseph L. Riddle and
that the same was duly executed by said Joseph L. Riddle in the presence of said

witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Joseph L. Riddle 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 Joseph L. Riddle and the Executor therein named qualify as such. This the 15th day of March, 1909.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.

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In the name of God Amen, I, B. Catherine Smith of the State a and County aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

Item First- I will and devise to my daughter Myrtle Smith all my household furniture, namely, Bureau, set of chairs, washstands, center table, three beds and bedding, library, stove, organ, silver and delf ware, buggy, vases, two trunks, lace curtains and pictures.

Item 2nd - I give and devise