

Last Will and Testament of Joseph M. Bradley

I Joseph M. Bradley of Gaston County, State of North Carolina 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 following. That is to Say:

First

That my Executor, hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as part and parcel of my estate.

Second

For and in consideration of my Daughter Caroline Hanna and her husband, F. S. Hanna who lived with me since the year 1870 to November 1879, they having waited on me in such matters as cooking, washing and such other acts common as due from children to parent, I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Caroline Hanna and the heirs of her body, One acre and a half Acres of Land including the Dwelling House, Beginning on the North Side of the Charlotte and Atlanta Air Line Rail Road, Beginning at the Track of said Rail Road, Subject to its right of Way and run North 24 Poles, Thence East 10 Poles, Thence South 24 Poles to the track of said Rail Road, Subject to its right of way, and West 10 Poles with the track of said Rail Road.

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at the Trach of said Rail Road. Subject to its right of Way
and run North 24 Poles. Thence East 10 Poles. Thence South
24 poles to the track of said Rail Road. ^{Subject to its right of way, then West 10 poles with the track of said RR.} Said Land to be
laid off in such Manner that the dwelling House shall be
the same distance from the East and West lines.

Third I Will and bequeath to my three Sons Caleb Bradley,
Benjamin A Bradley and Francis A Bradley, and my
two Daughter Elmira Noland, and Harriett Hanna,
all the balance of my Real Estate to be sold at Public
Sale and the proceeds to be Equally divided between the
above named three Sons and two Daughters. To wit
Elmira Noland & Harriett Hanna, except twenty five
dollars to be deducted of Harriett Hannas part of
the land proceeds for a bed & bedding. Hereinafter
Willed to her. Which bed is the same that she now
has with her at home.

Fourth I Will and bequeath to my three Sons Caleb Bradley,
Benjamin Bradley and Francis A Bradley, and my two
Daughters Elmira Noland & Harriett Hanna, all the balance
of my personal property, Grain, Money, Notes except a note
on F S Hanna for One hundred Dollars and the interest
thereon &c to be equally divided between them.

Subscribed and sworn to
before me
J. B. White

Fifth I Will and bequeath to my Daughter
one bed & bedding ^{now} with her at her home.
Sixth I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Carolina
my note & interest thereon on. on G. S. Hanna for
one hundred dollars.
Seventh I Will and bequeath to the child I leave at my last day
one bed & bedding. one bureau & contents. one couch. Two
chairs & any other such things as I may leave with him or her.
I appoint Benjamin H. Goadley my son. my lawfull
executor to all intents and purposes to execute this
last Will and Testament according to the true intent
and meaning thereof. I hereby declare. & revoke null
and void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made
in testimony whereof. I Joseph W. Goadley do hereunto
set my hand and Affix my Seal. this the 2nd day of
January A D 1880.
E. Parsons.
G. M. Pearson.

Probate Court
May 13th 1880.

Carolina }
Goadley }

Joseph W. Goadley

Fifth I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Harriett Hanna
one bed & bedding ^{now} with her at her home.

Sixth I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Carolina Hanna
my Note & Interest thereon on F S Hanna for one
hundred dollars.

Sixth I Will & bequeath to the Child I leave at my last days.
One bed & bedding. One bureau & Contents. One Couch. Two
Chairs & any other such things as I may leave with him or her.

Seventh I Appoint Benjamin H Bradley. My Son. My lawful
executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my
last Will and Testament according to the true intent
and meaning thereof. I hereby declare. revoke. null
and void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.
In testimony whereof. I Joseph H Bradley. do hereunto
set my hand and affix my seal. this the 2nd day of
January A D 1880.

Witness

E Pearson.

J M Pearson.

Joseph H ^{legally} x Bradley

North Carolina } Probate Court
Gaston County } May 13th 1880.

Gaston County 3 May 13th 1880.

E. Pearson being duly sworn on oath says that the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Joseph W. Bradley dated the 2nd day of Janry 1880. With the names of this Affiant and T M Pearson as Witnesses thereunto was signed by the said Joseph W. Bradley - With the Sign of the Cross as his last Will & Testament in the presence of this Affiant as subscribing Witness thereto. Who signed the same as such in his presence and at his request.

E. Pearson.

sworn & subscribed to

before me, May 13th 1880

J. B. White Probate Judge.

T M Pearson being duly sworn on oath says. That the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Joseph W. Bradley. dated the 2nd day of Janry 1880. With the names of this Affiant and E Pearson as subscribing Witnesses thereto. was acknowledged by the said Joseph W. Bradley in the presence of this Affiant as his last Will & Testament. The said instrument being signed. And that this Affiant at the request of the said Joseph W. Bradley

sworn & subscribed to

before me, May 13th 1880 did sign the same in his presence as a Witness thereto.

T M Pearson

J. B. White Probate Judge

North Carolina } In the Probate Court
 Gaston County } May the 13th 1880

A Supers. Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph W. Bradley deceased. is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by Benjamin H. Bradley the executor therein named. And the due execution thereof by the said Joseph W. Bradley is proved by the Oath and examination of E. Pearson and J. M. Pearson the subscribing Witnesses thereto.

It is therefore Considered by the Court, that the said Supers. Writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of the said Joseph W. Bradley. And the same is Ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Benjamin H. Bradley executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the Oath required by law.

J. B. White Probate Judge

Gaston County:—In the Probate Court
 In the Matter of the Will of J. Before J. B. White.

J. J. White Probate Judge

Gaston County:—In the Probate Court
In the Matter of the Will of } Before J. J. White.
Joseph W. Bradley }

Judge of Probate

J. W. Bradley being sworn, doth say,

That Joseph W. Bradley, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; And that, he the said J. W. Bradley is the executor named therein. Further, that the property of the said Joseph W. Bradley consists of Notes, & evidences of debt, and about 100 acres of land. That the Notes &c are worth about \$500, and the land about \$1300, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application: And that Caroline Hanna, Caleb Bradley, Jem H. Bradley, Francis W. Bradley, Elmira Island and Harriet Hanna are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed

J. W. Bradley

before me, this 15th day of May 1880
J. J. White Probate Judge.