State of North Carolina,
Gaston County. } In the Superior Court.

A paper-writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Margaret Blackwood, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by John J Gamble the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Margaret Blackwood is proved by the oath and examination of J. T. Thomas and W. A. Oates the subscribing witnesses thereto: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Margaret Blackwood that the said Margaret Blackwood in the presence of this deponent, subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 10th day of March 1884.

And the deponent further saith, That the said

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And the deponent further saith, That the said Margaret Blackwood the testator aforesaid did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by her and exhibited, to be her last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Margaret Blackwood was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

D. A. Oates (Seal)
J. F. Thomas (Seal)

everally sworn and subscribed this
th day of July 1896, before me
G. W. Davis C.S.C.

I Margaret Blackwood of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina being of sane mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make 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 suited to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out any money that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item 1st I give and devise to my two sisters. Mary and Elizabeth Blackwood My interest the one third part of the place or tract of land whereon we now live, also one third of the Hovis tract, and also the one third of the Adams tract, Also my one third interest in all the personal property.

Item 2nd My will and desire is, that after the death of my two sisters above named, that my estate go to my Nephew John J Gamble except the each, allowing one third interest in all the personal property.

Item 2nd My will and desire is, that after the death of my two sisters above named, that my estate go to my Nephew John J. Gamble except the Adams tract, which said tract go to my Nephew Gideon T. Gamble.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my Nephew John J. Gamble 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.

In witness whereof, I the said Margaret Blackwood do hereby set my hand and seal, this 10 day of March A.D. 1882.

Margaret her × mark Blackwood. Seal

Signed, sealed and declared in the of.

J. R. Oates,
J. F. Thomas,
W. A. Oates.

State of North Carolina, } In the Superior Court
Gaston County, }

In the matter of the last Will of Margaret Blackwood.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of J. F. Thomas and W. Q. Oates, the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Margaret Blackwood. and that the same was duly executed by said Margaret Blackwood in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Margaret Blackwood 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 Margaret Blackwood and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 10th day of July 1896,

G. A. Davis, Clerk