

State of North Carolina, Gaston County.

I, Martin R. Dewstoe, of the town of Mt. Holly, County and State aforesaid, 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:-

1. 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 funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
2. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha L. Dewstoe all my real estate situated in Gaston and Moore Counties including my dwelling house, all my out-houses and other improvements, together with all my personal property including my cotton mill stock, my live stock of whatever kind I may possess at my death, to have and to hold to her the said Martha L. Dewstoe for and during the term of her natural life and at her death the said real and personal property to be equally divided among my children viz: Louise D. Henderson, Gertrude Costner, Martin E. Dewstoe and Eugene H. Dewstoe and if any of my heirs die without issue their proportional part of my estate shall revert to my lineal descendants.
3. And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty wife Martha L. Dewstoe my lawful executrix 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

my lawful executrix 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 hheretofore made.

In witness whereof I, the said Martin R. Dewstoe do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 30th day of December, 1907.

Martin R. Dewstoe (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the said

Martin R. Dewstoe to be his last will and testament in the presence of us as witnesses

Robt. F. Rankin (Seal)

Junius M. Springs. (Seal)

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

In the Matter of the last will of Martin R. Dewstoe:

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Robt. F. Rankin and Junius M. Springs the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Martin R. Dewstoe and that the same was duly executed by said Martin R. Dewstoe in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Martin R. Dewstoe 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 Martin R. Dewstoe and the Executor therein named qualify as such.- This the 16th day of July, 1912.
C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.