

Gaston County: In The Superior Court,

In the Matter of the Will } Before,
of Mary A. Barnhill. Deed } J. B. White, C.S.C.
James Barnhill being duly sworn, doth Say, That Mary A. Barnhill, late of Said County, is dead, having first made & published her last Will & Testament; And that Affiant James Barnhill is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the Said Mary A. Barnhill consisting of Thirty Acres of Land and Household & Kitchen furniture is worth about \$150, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application, And that Affiant James Barnhill is the party entitled under Said Will to the Said Property.

James ^{his} Barnhill
^{on oath}
Sworn to & Subscribed before me, this 21st day of December 1885.
J. B. White, C.S.C.

State of North Carolina. Gaston County.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, M. Ann Barnhill being of Sound Mind in view of Shortness of life, and the Certainty of Death, Make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (Viz.)

1st It is my Will that after my decease my remains be decently and in a Christian like manner, buried and all my funeral expenses paid out of the proceeds of my property, together with all

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1st It is my Will that after my decease my remains be decently and in a Christian like manner, buried and all my funeral expenses paid out of the proceeds of my property. together with all my just debts.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son James Barnhill all my real and personal estate of every kind and description that I now seized and possessed of at the time of my decease.

3rd It is my Will that my Son James Barnhill live with me and take care of me through all my frailties. during my lifetime as a Consideration of Article 2nd of this instrument.

4th I nominate and appoint my Son James Barnhill. Executor of this my last Will and Testament to execute the same according to its true intent and meaning.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the 30 day of September 1882.
Attest. Benaja Black
George Woods.

Mary A^{her}_{mark} Barnhill Seal

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A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary A. Barnhill deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by James Barnhill the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary A. Barnhill was duly proven by the Oath and examination of Benjamin Black and George Norris, the subscribing witnesses thereto: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is as subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary A. Barnhill, that the said Mary A. Barnhill, in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper-writing which was shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 30. day of September 1882.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Mary A. Barnhill, the testatrix 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 by her and exhibited, to be her Will as now attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as a witness thereto, as aforesaid the said Mary A.

Subscribed ~~by her and attested~~ and at the request and in the presence
Will as our attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence
of the said testatrix. And this document further saith, that at the
said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said
last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of depment, subscribing his
name as our attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said Mary A.
Barnhill, was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute
a Will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, in-
formation or belief of this depment. And further these depment say not,
severally known and subscribed }
this 21st day of December, 1885. }
before me, J. B. White, Clerk Supr. Court. }

Bernard Black Seal
George Norris Seal

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It is therefore Considered and Adjudged
by the Court, that the said paper-writing, and every part thereof,
is the last Will and Testament of Mary A. Barnhill deceased,
And the same with the foregoing examination and this
Certificate, are Ordered to be recorded and filed,
This 21st day of December 1885,
J. B. White, Clerk, Superior Court.