

I Melissa Jane Finley of the County of Gaston
and State of North Carolina. being of Sound Mind
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 Mentioned Shall provide
for My body a decent burial. And pay all Funeral
expenses together with My Just debts.

Item

I give and bequeath unto My Grand Son. James.
Thomas. Thomasson. and My Son-in-law D. W.
Thomasson all My Real Estate Consisting of
183 acres more or less. to be equally divided.
between them by a line Commencing at
on Saul Beatty's line and running to Thomasson
and Garrison's Corner. on Solomon Fite line.

Item

I give and bequeath unto My Grand Son James.
Thomas. Thomasson. That portion of land lying South
East of said line of division. at the age of twenty one.
or at such time. thereafter as in the Judgment of his
Father shall be best for him.

Item

I give and bequeath unto My Son-in-law David
W. Thomasson all that portion lying North West

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of said line of division to have and to hold in fee simple
forever.

Item

I will and devise in case of the death of my Grandson
that my Son-in-law D. W. Thomasson shall have my
entire estate to have and hold in fee simple forever.

Will Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint
my Son in law D. W. Thomasson my lawful executor.
to all intents and purposes to execute this my last
Will and Testament. hereby revoking all other Wills
made by me.

In Witness whereof I Melissa Jane Finley.
do hereunto set my hand and Seal this 16 day of September 1875
Witness by

John R. Allison
Sarah E. Allison

Miss Melissa Jane Finley Seal

State of North Carolina } ss In the Probate Court.
Gaston County }

A Paper purporting to be the last
Will and Testament of Melissa Jane Finley deceased.
is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate

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For said County, by D. H. Thomasson the executor
thereon named. And the due execution thereof by the said
Melissa Jane Finley by the oath and examination of
the subscribing witnesses thereto: Who being duly sworn,
do depose and say, each for themselves depose and saith,
that they are subscribing witnesses to the paper writing now
shown them purporting to be the last Will and Testament of
Melissa Jane Finley. That the said Melissa Jane Finley,
~~the testatrix~~ in the presence of these deponents subscribed
her name at the of said paper writing, which is now shown as
aforesaid: and bears date of the 16th day of September 1875.

And the deponents, further saith, that the said Melissa
Jane Finley, the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of
subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper
writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last
Will and Testament. And these deponents did thereupon
subscribe their names at the end of said Will as
attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request, and in the
presence of said Testator. And these deponents, 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 the deponents subscribing their names,
the said

presence of said Testator, And these deponents 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 the deponents subscribing their names,
as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid the said
Melissa Jane Finley 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 these deponents.
And further these deponents say not.

Severally sworn and subscribed.

J. B. Allison Dea
S. E. Allison Dea

this 17th day of October 1879.

before me. J. B. White Probate Judge

Whereupon L. H. Thomasson the executor therein named
duly qualified as such executor, and took the necessary
letters Testamentary thereto, to execute said Will.

October 17th 1879.

J. B. White Probate Judge