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Gaston County- In the Superior Court.

In the Matter of the Will }
of Moses Strump Sen. } Before

J. B. White. C. S. C.

Moses Strump Jun. & W. S. Manney being duly sworn, doth say: That Moses Strump Sen. late of said County, is dead, having first made & published his last Will and Testament; and that Affiants are the executors named therein. Further, that the property of the said Moses Strump Sen. Consisting of 1 Mule & interest in another Mule. Cattle. Hogs. Sheep. Farming utensils, Household. Notes. Accounts & money on hand, is worth about \$1500. So far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application; and that James Manney, Mary A. Clark, Sarah A. Blackwood, Easter Sellers heirs. (to wit, W. S. Sellers, Eli Sellers, Elizabeth Kiser, wife of John Kiser, Catherine Kiser, wife of Jno. J. Homesley) and Affiant Moses Strump Jun. all of full age, and all residents of Gaston County, except Elizabeth Kiser and her husband John Kiser, who reside in Cleveland County N. C. are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me,
this 25th day of June 1887.

J. B. White. C. S. C.

Moses Strump Jr.
W. S. Manney.

I Moses Strump Sen. of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make & declare this my last Will and Testament;

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 relations 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 his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item 1st

I give and devise to my daughter Jane Manning the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars and my daughter Mary A. Clark, I give the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, and to my daughter Sarah A. Blackwood, I give the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, and to my deceased daughter Easter Sellers heirs, I give the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, to be equally divided between them.

Item 2nd

I will and devise that all the balance of my personal ~~estate~~ ^{estate}, both property and money be equally divided. After the personal property is sold among all my children, that is to say, Moses Strump Junr, Jane Manning, Mary A. Clark, Sarah A. Blackwood and Easter Sellers heirs, that is the Sellers heirs are to receive as a whole or, one share with the balance of my children.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Moses Strump and W. S. Manning my lawful Executors 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 thereof hereby revoking all other Wills and Testaments by me made, In witness whereof I the said Moses Stroup Sen. do hereunto set my hand and seal. this 6 day of Dec. 1884.

Moses Stroup 

Signed, sealed and declared in the presence of us, as the last Will and Testament by the said Moses Stroup. And we at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Jos. E. Jones
J. Kiser

State of North Carolina ss. In the Superior Court
Gaston County

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Moses Stroup Sen. deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Moses Stroup Jun. and W. S. Mearney the Executors therein mentioned. And the due execution thereof by the said Moses Stroup Sen. was proven by the oath and examination of Jos. E. Jones and J. Kiser the subscribing witnesses thereto who, being duly sworn. Both deposed and say, and each for himself deposed and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing. ~~Which~~ ^{Which} I know him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Moses Stroup Sen. that the said Moses Stroup Sen. ~~subscribed~~ ^{subscribed} in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now before me.

in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-
writing, which is now shown as aforesaid. Which bears date of the 6th day of Dec. 1894.
And the deponent further saith, That the said Moses Strump Sen. the testator aforesaid,
did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare, the said paper-writing
so subscribed by him exhibited, to be his last Will & Testament, and this deponent
did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting
Witness thereto. And at the request of the said testator.
And this deponent further saith, That at the said time when the said testator
subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of de-
ponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said
Moses Strump Sen. was of sound mind & 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.

Severally sworn & subscribed this 25th day of June 1897
before me, J. B. White, Clerk Superior Court
State of North Carolina

Jno. E. Jones
J. Kiser

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Gaston County In the Superior Court
In the Matter of the last Will of Moses Strump Sen.
It appearing to the Court by the Oath & examination of Jno. E. Jones & J. Kiser the subscribing witnesses that,
that the paper-writing propounded by the Executors therein named, is the last Will & Testament of Moses Strump Sen.
and that the same was duly executed by said Moses Strump Sen. in the presence of said witnesses that at the time of signing the same
the said Moses Strump Sen. was of sound mind - It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper-writing be
admitted to Probate as the last Will & Testament of the said Moses Strump Sen. and the Executors therein named qualify as such.
This on 25th day of June 1897
J. B. White, Clerk Superior Court.