

Last Will and Testament:

I, Nannie L. Kennedy of the town of Bessemer City, County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

FIRST: My Executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts, out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

SECOND: I direct that my said executor shall as soon as practicable after this will shall become operative, convert my personal property (heir looms and glass silver, and china ware excepted) into cash or good securities, at such time and times as he may deem to the best interests of my estate; and to invest same to the best advantage he may be able to do, on first class securities, payable not later than the time when my youngest child, Jeter, shall become 21 years of age.

THIRD. I direct that my said executor shall collect and receive all the rents and incomes from my personal estate; and shall have power and authority to rent or lease all my real estate, and from such rents and incomes to pay all taxes levied against my estate and to pay for such repairs as may be necessary to keep buildings in as good repair as same may be now, and to pay such premiums of insurance as will protect my estate from loss by fire; and after paying the aforementioned items together with the lawful expense attached thereto, to pay the residue of

as will protect my estate from loss by fire; and after paying the aforementioned items together with the lawful expense attached thereto, to pay the residue of rents and incomes derived from my estate both real and personal, each year, in equal portions to my father, mother, brothers and sisters, then living, until my youngest child, then living shall become 21 years of age.

FOURTH: I give and devise to my beloved children, Annie, Lula, Susie and Jeter, all my land, houses and tenements, in equal portions of value, except that the rents and incomes arising therefrom shall not accrue to my said children, until the youngest, then living shall have attained to the age of 21 years.

FIFTH: I give and bequeath to my beloved children, Annie, Lula, Susie and Jeter all my personal estate, in equal portions of value, except that the interest and income arising therefrom shall not accrue to my said children until the youngest then living shall have attained to the age of 21 years; the said personal estate to remain under the control of my executor and held by him inviolate, until said youngest child shall arrive at majority, when he shall pay over said personal estate according to the true meaning and intent of the foregoing.

SIXTH: I direct that in case of the death of any of my children, prior to the full execution of this will and in case any such child or children shall die issue then such issue shall be entitled to receive and shall receive all the benefits under this will which its parent would have received if living.

SEVENTH: And whereas, my said children, Annie Lula, Susie and Jeter, are minors of the ages respectively, 12, 10, 8 and 5 years, it is therefore my will and desire that my beloved sister Lena Thornburg be and she is hereby constituted and appointed guardian of the said Annie, Susie, Lula and Jeter, and jointly with her husband R. Lee Thornburg to all intents and purposes to have and exercise the custody, control and rearing of my said children in as full and complete authority as I might or could do, if living.

EIGHTH: In the event that any of my children shall die, without issue and before attaining the age of 21 years, then the children remaining shall share equally the portion of such deceased child, and if any of my children shall die before attaining the age of 21 years leaving issue, then such child's portion shall succeed to such issue: And in case that all my children shall die before attaining to the age of twenty one years leaving no issue, then the portion of such children as above recited shall be divided equally among my father, mother, brothers and sisters, such as may then be living.

Likewise, I make, constitute and appoint my esteemed friend and cousin, John J. Ormand to be the Executor of this, my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 8th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight.

Nannie L. Kennedy

(L. S.)

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do certify that Nannie L. Kennedy, the testator, subscribed her name to this instrument in our presence, and in the presence of each of us, and at the same time she declared in our presence and hearing that the same was her last will and testament, and requested us, and each of us, to sign our names thereto as witnesses to the execution thereof, and which we hereby do in the presence of the testator and of each other, the day of the date of the said will, and write opposite our names our respective places of residence.

C. E. Whitney, residing at Bessemer City, N. C.

B. P. Ormand, residing at Bessemer City, N. C.

State of North Carolina,
Gaston County.

In the Superior Court,

In the Matter of the last Will of Nannie L. Kennedy-

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of C. E. Whitney and B. P. Ormand the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Nannie L. Kennedy and that the same was duly executed by said Nannie L. Kennedy in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Nannie L. Kennedy 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 Nannie L. Kennedy and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 1st day of July, 1912.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina, Gaston County.

I, J. J. Kennedy of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament.

First. My Executor hereafter named shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together