

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

To whom it may concern: Know ye, that I, R.A. Caldwell, of the
a above County and State, knowing the uncertainty of life, and being of sound
mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament,
in the manner following to-wit:

First. I give and devise to my wife, J. C. Caldwell, for and during
the term of her natural life, the house and lot situated on the West side of
South York Street in the City of Gastonia, in which I now reside, adjoining
the residence property of S.M. Boyce, which said lot is marked "R.A. Caldwell"
on a map or plat made by A.W. Hoffman, Surveyor, May, 1916, and recorded in the
office of the Register of Deeds of Gaston County, N.C., in Book #115 at page
386, and consists of the lot conveyed to me by P.W. Garland and wife, together with
a portion of my former residence lot as shown on said map or plat.

Second. I give and bequeath to my said wife, J. C. Caldwell, all my
household and kitchen furniture, and the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars
in money absolutely, said sum to be paid by my executor out of the first moneys
which may come into his hands belonging to my estate after the payment of my
funeral expenses and all my just debts.

Third. I give and devise to my daughters Bettie C. Ragan and Bell A.

...and all my just debts.

Third. I give and devise to my daughters Bettie G. Ragan and Bell A. Caldwell, and their heirs in fee simple, in equal portions, share and share alike, my farm lying on Crowders Creek, above county and state, containing 276 acres more or less, and bounded on the North and West by the lands of Wm. Wilson on the East by the lands of Wm. Riddle, and on the South by Crowders Creek.

Fourth. I give and devise to my daughter Belle A. Caldwell, and her heirs in fee simple, my Morrow farm situated near the City of Gastonia, containing 40 acres more or less, and bounded on the North and West by the Morrow lands, on the South by the lands of John McGready and W.N. Davis, and on the East by J.F. Jackson.

Fifth. I give and bequeath to my said daughter Belle A. Caldwell the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars in money.

Sixth. I give and devise to my son James M. Caldwell, and his heirs in fee simple, the house in which I formerly resided (adjoining my present residence) and so much of my former residence lot, bought from W.^{E.} Jenkins and R.C. Warren, on which same is situated, as remains after adding a part thereof to my present residence lot, which said remaining portion of my former residence lot is marked "J.M. Caldwell" on said above mentioned map or plat made by A.W. Hoffman, Surveyor. The above described property devised to my son James M. Caldwell in this the sixth item of my will, I value at \$4500.00.

Seventh. I give and bequeath to my said son James M. Caldwell the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars in money.

Eighth. It is my will and desire that all therest and residue of my estate, both real estate and personal property, be sold by my executor, and all notes and other debts owing to me collected, and if there be any surplus after the payment of debts, expenses and legacies, that such surplus shall be equally divided and paidover to me said three children, Bettie G. Ragan, Belle A. Caldwell and James M. Caldwell, in equal portions, share and share alike.

Ninth. I hereby constitute and appint my trusted friend and son-in-law, George W. Ragan, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes, to executethis my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning ~~to~~ of the same- hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof, I, the said R. A. Caldwell, do here unto set my hand and seal, this Third (3rd) day of June, 1916.

R. A. Caldwell (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said R. A. Caldwell to be his last will and testam^{ent} in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, do attest and subscribe our names as witnesses to

his presence, and in the presence of each other, do attest and subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Robt. C. Warren

S. A. Robinson

Witnesses.

J. W. Timberlake.

North Carolina,

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I, R. A. Caldwell of said County and State, make this codicil to my last will and testament published by me, and dated the 3rd day of June, 1916, which I ratify and confirm except as the same shall be changed hereby.

Whereas, by my will above mentioned in the eighth item thereof I devised and bequeathed all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, after taking out the devises and bequests made in the preceding items of my will, to my three children, Bettie C. Ragan, Belle A. Caldwell and James M. Caldwell in equal portions, share and share alike; and whereas my said daughter Bettie C. Ragan has expended out of her own money and funds large sums for the support, maintenance, care and nursing of my daughter Belle A. Caldwell at the Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

Now therefore, I hereby revoke the said eighth item of my said will, and in the place and stead thereof I hereby give, devise and bequeath to my said daughter Bettie C. Ragan, all the rest and residue of my estate, both real estate and personal property, after taking out the gifts, devises and bequests made in the first seven items of my said will, so far as and in such a sum as may be necessary to re-imburse her for said expense and money paid out by her for my said daughter Belle A. Caldwell, Should said rest and residue of my estate be more than sufficient to so re-imburse my said daughter Bettie C. Ragan, I hereby give, devise and bequeath such excess to my three children, Bettie C. Ragan, Belle A. Caldwell and James M. Caldwell in equal portions, share and share alike. I direct that all my property not specifically bequeath or devised in first seven items of my said will be sold by executor, and all debts owing me collected, and the proceeds paid out as above directed in this item of my will.

In witness whereof, I, the said R.A. Caldwell, do hereunto set my hand and seal this Aug. 2nd, 1916.

R.A. Caldwell (Seal).

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said R.A. Caldwell to be a codicil to his last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, do attest and subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Sue Callant Robinson

to his last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, do attest and subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Sue Gallant Robinson

J.W. Timberlake.

Witnesses.

State of North Carolina,
Gaston County.

In the Superior Court.

In the Matter of the last will of R.A. Caldwell.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Robert C. Warren, S.A. Robinson and J.W. Timberlake the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of R.A. Caldwell and that the same was duly executed by said R.A. Caldwell in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said R.A. Caldwell 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 R.A. Caldwell and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 15th day of September, 1916.

C. C. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court.

Gaston County.

In the Matter of the last will of R.A. Caldwell-

I, appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Sue Gallant Robinson and J.W. Timberlake the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is a codicil to the last will and testament of R.A. Caldwell and that the same was duly executed by said R.A. Caldwell in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said R.A. Caldwell 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 R.A. Caldwell and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 15th day of September, 1916.

C. C. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.