

Gaston County, In the Superior Court.

In the Matter of the Will of ^{Before J B White}
Robert Torrence Dec'd

Clerk Superior Court.

O. N. Torrence being duly sworn, doth say:

That Robert Torrence, late of said County, is dead, having first made & published his last Will & Testament; and that Affiant O. N. Torrence & W. A. Torrence are the executors named therein. Further, that the property of the said Robert Torrence consisting of about 385 acres of land, 1 Horse, 1 Mule, Cattle, Hogs, Farming Utensils, Wagon, Buggy, Harness & Kitchen furniture & Notes &c. is worth about \$2000. So far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application. And that Margaret E. Torrence, now the wife of D. J. Howe, Sarah Jane Torrence, E. Mary Ann Falls, wife of William Falls, Rebecca J. Mendenhall, now the wife of John L. Rhyme, Nancy M. Quinn, wife of J. L. Quinn, Esther E. Farris, wife of Jesse A. Farris, W. A. Torrence, R. S. Torrence & Affiant O. N. Torrence, all of full age, and residents of Gaston County N. C. except E. Mary Ann Falls and her husband Wm. Falls who reside in Cleveland County N. C. & R. S. Torrence who resides in York County S. C. are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

O. N. Torrence

Sworn to & subscribed before me, this 18th day of January 1888.

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I, Robert Torrence of Gaston County North Carolina, taking into Consideration the mortality of my body and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, do make this my last Will & Testament Viz:

I desire my body after my decease to be buried in decent Christian manner and

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I desire my body after my decease to be buried in decent Christian manner and
my funeral expenses and such as Tombstone as my friends may desire to have placed
at my grave. be paid for out of my estates. I desire all my just debts be paid
by my Executor. out of the first money of my estate that may come into his hands.
I desire and Will that my daughters Margaret C. & Sarah Jane live in the house
I now live in as long as they or either of them remain single or unmarried:
I Will my buggy and harness and one dark bay mare Called Fanny. (or whatever other horse
I may trade her for) also my Cook Stove. Cupboard's Contents. Sewing Machine. Sofa. Beds + Bedding
Bearings + Spinning wheels which they Choose. Also one Milk Cow a piece.
I Will that my home place be equally divided in Value between my daughters
Mary Ann Falls. Margaret C. Rebecca J. Mydenhall. Sarah Jane + Nancy H. Quinn. I Will
in the division of the land that the dwelling house & out houses be not Counted in the Valuation of
the land as I give it to my single daughter or daughter. I recommend that they Choose three
disinterested men to make the division for them. and that they abide by the decision said men may make.
I Will to my daughter Esther C. Jarvis The Plantation Containing about One hundred acres on which my
Son-in-law Jessie A. Jarvis now lives: I Will at my death all my property not already Willed be sold
at public Auction and that proceeds of said sale with any money or notes I may have on hand
after the payment of funeral expenses & my just debts be equally divided between all my Children or their heirs.
I have not mentioned my sons in the division of my land because I have already given them what I consider their part.
I hereby constitute & appoint my sons W. H. O. H. Tence my Executor of this my last Will and Testament.
In witness Whereof I hereunto subscribe my name & affix my seal this 13th day of January A.D. 1880.
L. B. Halland. T. B. Chalk. F. M. Mill.

Robert Tence

(Seal)

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A paper purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Robert Torrence deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by C. H. Torrence one of the Executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Robert Torrence was proven by the oath and examination of E. Holland and B. M. Hill two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Robert Torrence that the said Robert Torrence in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 13th day of January 1880.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Robert Torrence the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare, the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his Last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence 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 time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Robert Torrence 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 this deponent, and further these deponents say not,

When the said testator subscribed his name to the said instrument as aforesaid,
and at time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto,
as aforesaid, the said Robert Torrence 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 this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

J. D. Holland Seal

J. M. Kiell Seal

Severally sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of January 1888, before me.

J. B. White Clerk Superior Court

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In the Matter of the Last Will of Robert Torrence
It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of J. D. Holland and
J. M. Kiell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing
enjoined by A. N. Torrence one of the Executors therein named, is the Last Will
and Testament of Robert Torrence and that the same was duly executed by
said Robert Torrence in the presence of said witnesses and that at the
time of signing the same the said Robert Torrence was of sound mind.
It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate
as the last will and Testament of the said Robert Torrence to A. N. Torrence
one of the Executors therein named qualify as such.
This 18th day of January 1888.

J. B. White Clerk Superior Court.