

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, R. P. Rankin, of Gastonia, North Carolina, do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament:

First: All my just debts shall be paid out of the first monies which come into the hands of my Executors and they are authorized to give my body a decent Christian burial and to pay the expenses thereof, including a monument at my grave, out of my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my wife Zoe A. Rankin, the lot in Gastonia on which is situated the residence now occupied by myself and family, and which is bounded on the North by Long Avenue and on the South by Air-Line Avenue, together with all household and kitchen furniture, for and during her life time for the common use and benefit of my said wife and children as a home, and, after her death, the same to be equally divided among my five children and their heirs.

THIRD: I give, devise and bequeath all of my other property, real and personal, of every description and wheresoever situated, to my wife, Zoe A. Rankin, and my son, R. Grady Rankin, and the survivor of them, for and during the life of my wife and the minority of my youngest child, to have and to hold the same in trust for the use and benefit of my five children

during the life of my wife and the minority of my youngest child, to have and to hold the same in trust for the use and benefit of my five children R. Grady Rankin, Violet Rankin, Henry Rankin, Lawrence Rankin, and Pink Rankin, and my said wife; and after the death of my wife and the arrival at full age of my youngest child all of such property shall be divided equally among my said children and their heirs; and I hereby authorize and empower my said wife, Zoe A. Rankin and my said son, R. Grady Rankin, trustees as afore said, to manage and control all of such property and to collect the rents and profits thereof until my youngest child shall attain the age of twenty one years and to use so much thereof as may be necessary for the support of my wife and family; and said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of any and all of my property whenever, in their judgment and discretion, it shall seem prudent or wise to do so, and to invest the proceeds in such manner as they deem proper and to hold the same upon the trusts and for the uses hereinbefore specified, and I hereby authorize and direct said Trustees to pay to each of my said children when he or she shall attain the age of twenty one (21) years the sum of One thousand dollars and if my daughter Violet, shall marry before she becomes twenty one years old, she shall then receive her thousand dollars; and, whereas I have expended about fifteen hundred dollars in educating my son R. Grady Rankin, I hereby authorize and direct

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said Trustees to expend an equal amount in educating each of my other children and, in the event that a less sum shall be expended for the education of any one or more of my other children, such child or children shall be paid the deficiency when my youngest child shall attain his majority. If the income from my property shall be more than sufficient to support my wife and family, I direct said Trustees to divide the surplus income annually equally between my wife and my five children.

FOURTH: I hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Zoe A. Rankin and my son R. Grady Rankin, Executors of this my last will and testament.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal this the twentieth day of October, 1910.

R. P. Rankin, (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by said R. P. Rankin to be his last will and testament in the presence of each of us, who, at his request and in his presence, do hereto set our hands as witnesses thereto.

A. R. Rankin

E. P. Rankin.

State of North Carolina,
Gaston County.

In the Superior Court,

R. P. Rankin,

(Seal)

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In the Superior Court,

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In the Matter of the last Will of R. P. Rankin-

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of A. R. Rankin and E. P. Rankin the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the ~~Ex-~~ecutor therein named is the last will and testament of R. P. Rankin, and that the same was duly executed by said R. P. Rankin in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said R. P. Rankin 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. P. Rankin and the Executors therein named qualify as such.

THIS the 4th day of November, 1910.

C. C. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.