

Last Will & Testament
of Susan Bell dec'd

State of North Carolina, Gaston County.

I, Susan Bell of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make & 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 suited to the wishes of my relatives & friends, and pay all funeral expences, together with my just debts.

Item To my three Sons, Two dollars each to be paid by my Executor out of any money belonging to my estate.

Item To Wade Holland, Two dollars to be paid by my Executor out of any money belonging to my estate.

Item I give and bequeath unto my four Daughters, Nancy Whitesides, Mag. Whitesides, Liza Whelmer, & Sarah Linberger, all my Property Real and Personal and Mixed, of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever the same shall be at my death, and appoint my Daughter Margaret Whitesides Executrix of my last Will and Testament. And declare this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Susan Bell, have hereto set my hand and Seal, this 6th day of June 1881.
Susan ^{her} Bell

Set my hand and Seal, this 6th day of June 1881.
Attest. Sussan ^{her} Bell
~~mark~~

W. A. Pearson
J. F. Whitesides

Application for
Letters Testamentary

Gaston County - In the Probate Court
In the Matter of the Will } Before.
of Sussan Bell. J. B. White C.S.C.

Margaret Whitesides being duly sworn, doth say: That
Sussan Bell, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published
her last Will and Testament; And that Affiant Margaret Whitesides
is the executor named therein. Further, that the property of the said Sussan
Bell, consisting of Money, Notes and Household furniture is worth about \$450,⁰⁰
so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application: And that,
Monroe Bell, William Bell, Simon Bell, Wade Holland, Nancy Whitesides
widow of J. F. Whitesides decd, Eliza Blumner wife of W B Blumner, the heirs
of Sarah Sineberger decd, and Affiant Margaret Whitesides wife of J. F. Whitesides
all residents of Gaston County N.C. and of full age except the heirs of
Sarah Sineberger decd, to wit: Eliza, Mary S. Blumner, Florence Ayer and
Esie S. Sineberger who are minors without guardian,
are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of June 1881.

J. B. White C.S.C.

Margaret Whitesides

State of North Carolina
Gaston County }

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A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Susan Bell deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Margaret Whitesides the Executrix therein mentioned. And the due execution thereof by the said Susan Bell was proven by the oath and examination of W. A. Pearson and J. B. Whitesides the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Susan Bell. That the said Susan Bell, in the presence of this deponent made her + at the end of said paper-writing, which was shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 6th day of June 1881.

And the deponent further saith. That the said Susan Bell the Testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of making her + mark as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament. And this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness. And at the request and in the presence of the said Testatrix, that at the said time when the said Testatrix made her + to the said last Will as aforesaid. And at the

And which bears date of the 6th day of June 1881.

And the deponent further saith. That the said Susan Bell the Testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of making her & mark as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament. And this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an Attesting Witness. And at the request and in the presence of the said Testatrix, that at the said time when the said Testatrix made her & to the said last Will as aforesaid. And at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an Attesting Witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Susan Bell 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.

It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing and every part thereof, is the last Will and Testament of the said Susan Bell, and is Recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Margaret Whitesides Executrix, as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking and subscribing to the oath required by law.

This 25th day of June 1884.

J. B. White Clerk, Superior Court