Application for Letters Testamentary

Gaston County } In the Superior Court.
In the Matter of the Will of } Before J. B. White.
Visa Armstrong } Clerk Superior Court.

Clarissa E. Armstrong being duly Sworn, doth Say:
That Visa Armstrong late of Said County is dead, having first Made and published her last Will and Testament. And that She is the Executrix named therein. Further, that the property of the Said Visa Armstrong Consisting of One hundred and forty Acres of land. 1 Mule, 2 head cattle, Wagon, Household & Kitchen furniture Farming utensils &c. is worth about $1500.00 So far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application. And that Clarissa Armstrong, Charles B. Armstrong, Margaret P. Bradley, Wm M. Armstrong, Mollie Armstrong, And Laura Armstrong, all of full age, except Laura Armstrong who is a Minor Without a Guardian. All resident of Gaston County, except Mollie who resides in Caney Co. N. C. Are the parties entitled under Said Will to the Said property.

C. E. Armstrong

Sworn to And Subscribed before me, this 7. day of February 1887.
J. B. White Clerk Superior Court

The Last Will and Testament

This Indenture made this the 15th day of October 1881.
I Visa Armstrong Considering the uncertainty of life and the Certainty of death do make and ordain this my Last Will And Testament.

Testament

I Visa Armstrng Considering the Uncertainty of Life and the Certainty of death do Make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament.

1st I Will and allow my Son Charlie B. Armstrng one hundred Acres of land. Provided he pays the Mortgage against my land held by Mrs Margaret Leeper. and Within Ten Years Years pays to My Daughter Margaret F. Bradley one Hundred Dollars.

2nd I Will and allow the ballance of My land to My Daughter Clarissa Armstrng Said part to includ Dwelling and all Other Houses now used by me. also all of my personal property of what= ever Kind. Provided She pays the ballance of My debts and pays to My Son Wm M. Armstrng Twenty Five Dollars.

3rd I Will and allow that My Daughters Mollie Armstrng and Laurea A. Armstrng to have a home on the place with Clarissa Armstrng as long as they remain Single.

4th I Appoint My Daughter Clarissa Armstrng Executrix of this My Last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have Set my hand and Affixed my Seal the day and year above Written.

Visa Armstrng [L.S.]

In Presence of
A. L. Ivey
J. S. Gullick

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Gaston County }

Proof and Examination of the Witnesses

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Visa Armstrong deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Clarissa Armstrong the Executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Visa Armstrong was duly proven by the oath and examination of A. L. Guy and J. G. Gullick the Subscribing Witnesses thereto; who, being duly Sworn, both depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a Subscribing Witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Visa Armstrong that the said Visa Armstrong in the presence of this deponent, Subscribed her name at the end of said paper-writing which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 15th day of October 1887.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Visa Armstrong the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of Subscribing her name 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 thereto. And at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent ~~did~~ further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix Subscribed her name to the said last

Said Testator. And this deponent ~~did~~ further Saith. that at the Said time when the Said testatrix Subscribed her Name 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 Visa Armstrong was of Sound Mind and Memory. of fullage 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.

Severally Sworn and Subscribed
this 7th day of February 1887
Before me. J B. White C.S.C

A. L Guy {Seal}
J.G. Gullick {Seal}

Probate

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court.
Gaston County } In the matter of the Last Will of Visa Armstrong.

It Appearing to the Court by the Oath and examination of A.L. Guy and J.G. Gullick the Subscribing witnesses thereto. that the paper-writing propounded by the Executrix therein named. is the Will and Testament of Visa Armstrong And that the Same was duly executed by Said Visa Armstrong in the presence of Said witnesses and that at the time of Signing the Same the Said Visa Armstrong 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 Visa Armstrong. And the Executrix therein named qualify as Such.

This the 7th day of February 1887.

J.B. White Clerk Superior Court