

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

In the Matter of the Will of }
William Clark }

John B. White

Clerk Superior Court

Jacob Kiser, being duly sworn doth say: That William Clark late
of said County is dead, having first published his last Will and
Testament: And that Jacob Kiser is the Executor named therein.

Further that the property of the said William is worth about \$1200.
As far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application

Charlotte D. Clark (widow), Scythia E. Wager wife of William E.
Wager, Roxanna Payne wife of Joseph Payne, Diana Clark
wife of A. S. Clark, Margaret Clark, F. McKeuffler wife of
Monroe McKeuffler and Robt Lee Clark.

Are the parties entitled under said Will to said property,
J. Kiser.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25 Feby, 1884.

J. B. White, C. S. C.

State of North Carolina;
Gaston County

I, William Clark being of Sound Mind
and Memory but being in very feeble health and considering the uncertainty
of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and
Testament in manner as follows, that is to say,

First

I will that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body
a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations, to
pay all my just debts whatsoever and to whosoever owing out of the
first moneys that may come to his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item First

I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Charlotte D. Clark, all my
land and real estate, also all my personal estate during her life-
time after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid giving my
Wife her choice to have such property sold as she may wish to pay
my debt, either Personal or Real property;

Item 2nd

I will that after the death of my wife all my property both Real
and personal to be equally divided among all my Children.
And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty friend Jacob Wiser
my lawful executor to execute this my last Will and Testament
according to the true intent and meaning thereof. hereby
declaring all my Will and Testament by me
made and to have been made.

Witness my hand and seal, this 26th day of Sept. 1881.

As marked & being void all former Will & Testament by me
made unless I have been made.

Witness my hand & seal, this 26th day of Jan. 1884,

William ^{his} ~~x~~ Clarke, Seal
mark

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said
William Clarke to be his last Will & Testament
and we at his request do subscribe our names, as witnesses thereto;

Johns. M. Smith

J. L. Phifer

Peter Kiell

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A paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of William
Clarke deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior
Court for said County, by Jacob Tiser the Executor therein mentioned.
And the due execution thereof by the said William Clarke was proven
by the oath & examination of J. L. Phifer & Peter Kiell two of the
subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say,
and each for himself deposes & saith that he is a subscribing witness to
the paper writing showing him purporting to be the last Will & Testament
of William Clarke, that the said William Clarke, 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 26th day of January 1884.
And the deponent further saith, that said William

aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing to be 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 ~~aforesaid~~ subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid. And at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said William Clark 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 William Clark deceased, and the same is recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Jacob the executor therein named as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking and subscribing to the oath required by law. And letters testamentary were issued to said executor upon the estate of said testator.

This 25th day of February 1884.

J. B. White Clerk
Superior Court