

State of North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, William R. Blackwood of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament to be as follows:

I will 1 that my executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial such as my family may want and that he pay all funeral expenses out of the first money that may come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item first- I give and bequeath to my wife Alice Blackwood forty two acres of land her life time to include the dwelling and out buildings and all the growing crop now on my land and one hundred dollars from the sale of my lots in Bessemer City and I also give her all my personal property her life time. That she may sell one mule to raise money to pay debts.

Item 2nd- I give and bequeath to my four children Frances Towery, Lee Blackwood, John Blackwood and Lula Blackwood all the balance of my home place to be equally divided in value and that after the death of my wife the 42 acres above given to her together with the personal property after her death be equally divided among my four children above named.

Item 3rd- I will that all my lots in Bessemer City be sold either at public or private sale and that after my debts and funeral expenses are paid with the balance after the above named one hundred dollars be paid to my wife.

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And lastly I do hereby appoint Jacob Kiser my lawful executor to execute this my last will according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 13 day of April, 1916.

his  
William R. Blackwood X  
mark

Signed, published and declared by the said W. R. Blackwood to be his last will and testament and we in his presence sign as witnesses thereto.

Jacob Kiser

I. H. Watts.

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In the Superior Court

In the Matter of the last will of William R. Blackwood.

I, appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of J. Kiser and I. H. Watts the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Wm. R. Blackwood and that at the same was duly executed by the said Wm. R. Blackwood in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Wm. R. Blackwood 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 Wm. R. Blackwood and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 28 day of April, 1916.

C. C. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.