

Stork Beaman by the oath and examination of Jonas Williams and Jesse Bullitt 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 Stork Beaman, that said Stork Beaman in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown him as aforesaid and which bears date of the 23rd day of February, 1881.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Stork Beaman the testator 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 said testator.

And the deponent further saith, that at the said time when said testator 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 Stork Beaman was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was under no restraint of his knowledge, information or belief of this deponent; And further the deponent say not.

Sincerely sworn and
subscribed this 28th day of
April 1881. before me,
D. W. Patrick

Probate Judge

State of North Carolina, In the Probate Court
Graham County

April 28th, 1881.
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Stork Beaman deceased, is exhibited for Probate in open court by Jonas Williams, executor therein named, and due execution thereof by the said Stork Beaman is proven by the oath and examination of Jonas Williams and Jesse Bullitt, the subscribing witnesses thereto, it is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part and clause thereof, is entitled to be admitted and filed. And therefore the said Jonas Williams, executor as aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking the

oath required by law

D. W. Patrick
Probate Judge
Graham County

Last Will and Testament of Hollen Edwards

I, Hollen Edwards of Graham County North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

- Item 1. My three white Minniepaw named shall furnish my body and burial, one suitable to the wishes of my family and friends and pay my funeral expenses together with all my just debts now owing and to be now owing owing to the of my first money that shall come into his hands as a part or portion of my estate.
- Item 2. All the stock and other articles of personal property that I have to my son Samuel P. Edwards, and which he now has in possession. I leave to him and for his use during his life, and after his death I give and bequeath the same to his son Samuel P. and daughter Annie Edwards to be theirs forever.
- Item 3. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Florence Rountree one Bed, Bedstead and furniture, one set of glass plates and two China plates.
- Item 4. I give and bequeath to Mattie H. Rountree one Bed, Bedstead and furniture, one set of China ware, one set of Silver Tea Spoons, one half set of Silver table Spoons and one set of glass plates.
- Item 5. I give and bequeath to Blanche E. Rountree one Bed, Bedstead and furniture. The Beds bequeathed to Florence, Mattie H. and Blanche E. Rountree will be the choice, selected by my Executor from the Beds that may be on hand at my death.
- Item 6. I give and bequeath to Miss Rebecca Taylor one Bed, Bedstead and furniture to be delivered to her by my Executor to be hers absolutely forever.
- Item 7. It is my wish and desire that all the real and personal of my property of whatsoever name or description including Mineral crossed actions &c be equally divided between my grand daughter Florence Rountree, Mattie H. Rountree and Blanche E. Rountree to share and share alike, and

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my Executor has the authority - to sell said residue of property and any part thereof as he may think best, and divide the proceeds as above directed. I hereby constitute and appoint my loving son Dr. F. M. Roundtree my lawful Executor to execute this my last Will and Testament and every part and clause thereof according to the true intent and meaning of the same, hereby revoking and declaring void all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

Hollon Edwards (Real)

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the said Hollon Edwards to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence subscribed our names as witnesses.

John H. Bartlett
John H. Johnson

State of North Carolina } S.S.

Gaston County

In the Probate Court -

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hollon Edwards, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County, by Dr. F. M. Roundtree, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Hollon Edwards by the oath and examination of John H. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses thereof, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hollon Edwards, that said Hollon Edwards in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the day of 1881.

And the deponent further swears that said Hollon Edwards the Testator of and said, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing 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 thereof, and at the request and in the presence of said Testator.

And this deponent further swears that as said time when said Testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereof, as aforesaid, the

Said Hollon Edwards 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. And further this deponent doth not -

John H. Johnson (Real)

Severally Sworn and Subscribed

this 22nd day, 1881, before

D. W. Patrick

Probate Judge

North Carolina } In the Probate Court -
Gaston County } July 22nd, 1881.

The F. M. Roundtree and John H. Johnson, do solemnly swear that the name of John H. Bartlett set off appears as a subscribing witness to the last Will and Testament of Hollon Edwards, deceased, is the genuine signature of the said John H. Bartlett.

Sworn to and
Subscribed before me
this July 22nd, 1881.

D. W. Patrick

Probate Judge

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D. W. Patrick
Probate Judge
Gaston County

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D. W. Patrick
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