

I Isaac M. Williams of Greene County state of North Carolina being of sound mind but feeble of body do make and declare this to be my last will and testament I direct that my executors hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses for both myself and wife out of the first monies coming into their hands. I further direct that my said executors shall erect at the graves of both myself and wife Elizabeth Williams a wall and substantial set of tombstones with appropriate inscriptions thereon that they shall enclose the said graves with a substantial Iron fence post to be set in granite or other equally substantial blocks and pay for same out of any money coming into their hands.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>

I give and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Williams one half of all of estate owned by me at my death both real and personal to her and her heirs absolutely and give that my said wife may dispose of the same by will to take effect after my death in such manner as suits her to do. If further than to my said wife during her lifetime the remaining one half of my estate both real and personal except my silver watch worn by me during my lifetime said watch I give to my nephew James Hall & his heirs —

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>

I give and devise to each of the children of my sister Dorah Smith and Belle Smith surviving me the sum of fifty cents, provided they shall apply to my said executors for the same within two years from my death or the death of my said wife said sum to be paid out of the one half of my estate loaned to my said wife. Of the remaining part of the said one half of my estate loaned to my said wife and after her death, I give and devise the same to my sister Martha Edwards, Mary Ann, Jerry Whackelford, and my nephew James Hall, my nieces Sarah Perkins, Nannie Stanford, and Olivia Bond they to share and share alike in the same. I further direct that if either one of the said devisees shall die before myself or wife and before the distribution of the said property then the share that the said person or devisee would have taken if living shall be divided between the rest of them they to share and share alike in the same. I further direct that after my death that my executors in order to pay the funeral expenses of myself and wife and to carry out the instructions in regard to tombstones and fencing they may sell off such supplies stock that I may have at the time of my death,

and not make for my wife to cultivate keep up my farm in case she be the longest lived. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my nephews James Hall, and Edger Taylor, Executors to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making utterly void all wills by me made heretofore made, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1894

I. M. Williams (Seal)

The undersigned who have signed as witnesses to this instrument the last will and testament of I. M. Williams did so at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other he at the de claring the same to be his last will and testament.

Thos. Edwards,  
Chas. Condon.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Isaac M. Williams deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by J. W. Hall, Edger Taylor, the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said I. M. Williams is proved by the oath and examination of Thos. Edwards & Chas. Condon the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly sworn, both depose and say, and each for himself depose and said that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of I. M. Williams that the said I. M. Williams in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid which bears date of the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1894. And the deponent further said, that the said I. M. Williams the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the

said paper writing as 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 as thereupon and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his 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 J. M. Williams 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 these deponents request

Charles Coudon *Deed*  
 Theo Edwards *Deed*

Severally Sworn and subscribed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896 before me  
 J. W. Blount  
 Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina }  
 Green County } In Superior Court  
 In Re Estate of } Before  
 Isaac W. Williams } J. W. Blount Clerk  
 Order for probate of will.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Isaac W. Williams dec'd. is exhibited before in open Court for probate by J. W. Hall and Edgus Taylor Executors therein named; and the due execution thereof by the said J. M. Williams dec'd. is duly proven by the oath and examination of Theo Edwards and Chas Coudon subscribing witness thereto and it is further shown to the satisfaction of the Court by said witness that the said J. M. Williams was at the time of making said will, of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and under no restraint to the knowledge, information or belief; It is thereupon considered, adjudged and decreed, that said probate is sufficient in all respects

and according to law and that said paper writing is and contains the last will and testament of J. M. Williams dec'd. And on motion it is ordered that said will be admitted to be state and recorded in the book of Wills of Green County and as such filed as provided by law in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Green County. It is further ordered that said J. W. Hall and Edgus Taylor be allowed to qualify as executors as provided by law and enter upon the discharge of their duties imposed by said trust.  
 Dated this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1896

J. W. Blount  
 Clerk of Superior Court

J. Elizabeth Williams, wife of J. M. Williams of Green County State of North Carolina, do make and declare this to be my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following to wit,

Item 1 I give and devise to my sister Martha Taylor, two thirds of all my entire estate, both real and personal, I further direct that if my sister Martha Taylor, should die before I do, that the part and share of my estate devised to her, shall go to her children, or their heirs surviving her, they to share, and share alike, in the same.

Item 2 I give and devise to the children of my brother, Haywood, Edmundson, W. H. Edmundson, all the balance of my estate they to share, and share alike in the same, to have to them and their heirs. Lastly I do hereby constitute, and appoint, Edgus Taylor & Haywood, Edmundson Executors to this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills by me before made; In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this February 11<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Elizabeth Williams *Deed*

We the undersigned witnesses, to this instrument, the last will and testament of Elizabeth Williams, request the same as her request, and in the presence and in the presence of each other, she after sometimes declares the same to be her last will and testament.  
 J. W. Hall  
 R. P. Sawe

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Williams deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Staywood Edmundson, Edga Taylor the Executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Williams is proved by the oath and examination of J. W. Hall and R. P. Lane the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each of them self depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Williams that the said Elizabeth Williams in the presence of this deponent, subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1898. And the deponent further saith, that the said Elizabeth Williams the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so 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 further saith, that at the said time when the said testator 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 Elizabeth Williams was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents request.

R. P. Lane. *(Seal)*

J. W. Hall *(Seal)*

Severally sworn and subscribed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept-1898 before me

Jos W Blount, Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina } In Superior Court  
Greene County } Before  
In the Estate of } J. W. Blount, Clerk  
Elizabeth Williams decd. } Order for probate of will.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Williams decd is exhibited in open court for probate by Staywood Edmundson and Edga Taylor Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Williams, decd. is duly proven by the oath and examination of J. W. Hall and R. P. Lane subscribing witnesses thereto and it is further shown to the satisfaction of the Court by said witnesses, that the said Elizabeth Williams was at the time of making said will of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and under no restraint to the knowledge, information or belief. It is therefore considered, adjudged and decreed, that said proof is sufficient and according to law and that said paper writing is and contains the last will and testament of Elizabeth Williams, decd. And on motion it is ordered that said will be admitted to probate and recorded in the book of wills of Greene County and as such filed as provided by law in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of said County. It is further ordered that said Staywood Edmundson and Edga Taylor be allowed to qualify as Executor as provided by law and enter upon the discharge of the duties imposed by said trust. Done this the 12<sup>th</sup> day, Sept-1898

J. W. Blount,  
Clerk of Superior Court.