

thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testatrix. And the defendant further saith, that at the same time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the defendant subscribing his name as a witness thereto as aforesaid the said Maria 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 defendant. And further, the defendant say saith,

H. H. Tinsdale  
D. J. Patrick.

Sincerely sworn  
and subscribed  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June  
1901, before me  
John R. Dail Clerk  
Superior Court.

State of North Carolina.  
I, Penina Williams of Greene County 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.

That I give and devise to my three Sisters Eveline Williams, and Jane Williams and Sallie A. Bass my land joining John Williams Seth Shaeford and others to have and to hold their life time at their death to be divided between Sophia Rose Mary Rose heirs then I give them all of my household and kitchen furniture also and my money of any after my just debts is paid and the sum of my Burial all to my part of the Corp. and last I do hereby constitute and appoint C. C. Rose my sole executor to this my last Will and Testament by me hereof made in witness whereof I the said Penina Williams do here undate my hand and seal this April 13 1889.

Lined Sealed published and declared by the said Penina Williams to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witness thereto

<sup>Geo. T. Gelverton</sup>  
Penina Williams  
mark

Test  
Geo. T. Gelverton }  
J. H. Gelverton }

North Carolina,

Greene County, } In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Penina Williams deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by C. C. Rose the testator therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Penina Williams by the oath and affirmation of George Gelverton & J. H. Gelverton the subscribing witness thereto: who being duly sworn, doth 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 Penina Williams, that the said Penina Williams in the presence of the defendant subscriber her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 13 day of April 1889.

And the defendant further saith, that the said Penina Williams 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 the defendant 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 testatrix.

And this defendant further saith, that at the same time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to said last will aforesaid, and at the time of the defendant subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Penina 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 the defendant: And further these defendants say not.

George T. Gelverton  
J. H. Gelverton.

Sheriff, I now subscribe,  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1901 before me  
John R Dail  
Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court -  
Mecklenburg County }

It is therefore considered and adjudged  
by the Court that the said paper-willing and  
every part thereof is the last Will and Testa-  
ment of Pennia Williams deceased. Let the  
said Will, together with the probate be recorded  
and filed. This 12<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1901

John R Dail  
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina }  
Mecklenburg County }

I, Merriman Ginn being of sound  
mind and memory but considering the  
uncertainty of my earthly existence do make  
and declare this to be my last will and  
testament.

1<sup>st</sup> I direct my executors herein after be named to  
pay all my just debts; and provide for my  
body a decent burial out of the first money  
that may come into his hands belonging to my  
estate.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my wife Eva Ginn all the property  
of every description that I may be in possession  
of at my death for her use during her life  
time, and at her death I desire and hereby  
direct that it the said property shall be  
given to my daughter Bettie Turner.

3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby appoint and constitute James R  
Smith my trustee, friend my executors to all  
intents and purposes, to execute this my last  
will and testament according to the true intent  
and meaning of the same, and every part  
and clause thereof hereby revoking and  
declaring all former Wills I may have made  
wholly void.

The testimony whereof

I the said Merriman Ginn do hereunto set  
my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October  
1900

Merriman Ginn

Signed sealed published and declared  
by the said Merriman Ginn to be his last  
will and Testament in the presence of  
us who at his request and in his presence  
and in the presence of each other do sub-  
scribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John H Taylor  
Jas R Smith

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court -  
Mecklenburg County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Merriman Ginn deceased, is exhibited  
before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court  
for said County by Jas R Smith the testator therein  
mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said  
Merriman Ginn, by the oath and examination of  
Jas R Smith one of the subscribing witnesses thereto,  
who being duly sworn, doth depose and say that  
he is a subscribing witness to the paper willing now  
shown him purporting to be the last will and testament  
of Merriman Ginn, that the said Merriman Ginn  
in the presence of this deponent subscribed his  
name at the end of said paper willing which is  
now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1901.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Merriman  
Ginn the testator aforesaid, did at the time of sub-  
scribing his name as aforesaid declare the said  
paper-willing so subscribed by him, and claimed  
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  
this deponent further saith, that at the same time  
when the 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 Merriman Ginn was  
of sound mind and memory of full age to execute