

a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this defendant. And further this defendant said not -
L. P. Smith

Brown and Subscribed
This 13th day of September
1901 before me
John R. Dail Clerk
Superior Court

And it is further proved by the oath and examination of Jas. T. Seagg and F. A. Massey that John H. Taylor one of the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said Jas. T. Seagg and F. A. Massey, that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said John H. Taylor having often seen him write, and that the name of the said John H. Taylor subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the hand writing of the said John H. Taylor.

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 Merriam Gunn, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 13th day of September 1901

John R. Dail C & C

In Richard Grant of the County of Grimes and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish my last will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit: hereby revoking and declaring all wills heretofore by me made utterly void and of no effect.

Item first

It is my desire that my executrix, herein for named shall provide for my body a suitable burial in the niches of my wife and children and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, funeral and to whomever owing out of the assets that shall first come into her hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item second - I give and bequeath to each one of my children one bed, bedstead & furniture and one hundred dollars each.

Item third. I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann M. Grant all my real and personal property of any description after paying the legacies heretofore mentioned during her natural life, and at her death the same to be equally divided among my children share and share alike, and hereby I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Ann M. Grant my last and executrix to all intents and purposes. To execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this day of November A.D. 1868

Signed Richard Grant

Signed sealed and declared to be the last will and Testament of Richard Grant in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Signed - Joseph Lunnage
Harkay Creek

North Carolina
Grimes County

H. H. P. Grant: J. R. Grant:

R. T. Grant: Ann M. Grant:
D. S.

Martha Jane Hart and her husband James Hart

Judgment
setting null of
Richard Grant

This Cause coming on to be heard before John R. Dail Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Grimes County at his office in Snow Hill on the 27th day of December 1901 and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the summons in this proceeding was duly and lawfully served upon the defendants by publication for six weeks prior to this day in the Grimes County Standard according to a previous order of this Court and the petitioners having

filed their own complaint or petition and the defendants having failed to appear and answer said complaint and it being proven to the satisfaction of the Court that Richard Grant late of said County, made and executed a last will and testament in the month of November 1865 and the said will was duly and lawfully attested and published and that said Richard Grant died domiciled in the County of Greene on the 9th day of December 1865 and that his said will was duly proven by Joseph Furnage and Hardy Breck the subscribing witnesses thereto before the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, and was duly admitted to probate sometime in the month of December 1865 and that Ann M. Grant the executrix named in said will was duly appointed and qualified as executrix thereto and duly entered upon the discharge of the duties of said office and that said last will and testament was duly recorded in said office, and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said will and testament and the Record of wills of said Court was destroyed by fire, together with the Court House and other Records of the Court, on or about March 1876 and that there is no certified and duly attested copy of said will in existence and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said last will and testament of Richard Grant was in manner and form and in substance as set out in the complaint and petition herein. It is therefore considered, adjudged and decreed that the will as set out in the petition herein be recorded on the Record of Wills of said Court as the last will and testament of Richard Grant and the petitioners will pay the cost of this proceeding.

John R. Daile
Clerk Superior Court

In the name of God amen. I James H. Nemell of the County of Greene, and State of North Carolina being in health of body and of sound mind, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:-

I give, devise and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Nemell, all my property, real, personal, and mixed of what nature or kind soever, and wheresoever the same shall be at the time of my death; to have, to hold and to keep the same until her death, when to be divided equally among my children.

And I do nominate, constitute and appoint my said wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament to execute according to the true intent and meaning of the same. And if it shall be deemed necessary or advisable to hold a sale of personal or other property I do hereby give and constitute the first Tuesday in January next following my death as the date of said sale, provided however, that if a reasonable length of time shall not intervene between the date of my death and the first Tuesday in January of the following year, the date of said sale shall be fixed for the first Tuesday of January of the year thereafter following.

In witness whereof I the said James H. Nemell do hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of September A.D. 1901

James H. Nemell (Seal)

Signed, declared and published by the said James H. Nemell as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

F. L. Carr
Chas. R. Hays
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