

Said J. A. Williams is sworn by the oath and examination of Wm. A. Brand and Billie Williams the Subscribing; 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 J. A. E. Williams that the said J. A. E. Williams in the presence of this deponent, Subscribes her name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 12th day of November, 1888.

And the deponent further saith, That the said J. A. E. Williams the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of Subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be her last will and Testament, and the deponent did thereupon Subscribes his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix Subscribes her name to said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent Subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said J. A. E. 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 state deponent says that.

Solemnly Sworn and Subscribed this 16th day of September 1889 before Me, D. W. Patrick, Clerk S. Court.

Wm. A. Brand, J. A. E. Williams

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court. Greene County

In the Matter of the last will of Mrs.

J. A. E. Williams.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Wm. A. Brand and Billie Williams the Subscribing witnesses thereto, that the said paper writing propounded by the executor therein named, is the last and Testament of Mrs. J. A. E. Williams and that the same was duly executed by the said Mrs. J. A. E. Williams in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Mrs. J. A. E. Williams was of Sound Mind. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and Testament of the said Mrs. J. A. E. Williams and the executor therein named qualify as such this 16th day of Sept. 1889.

D. W. Patrick Clerk Superior Court.

Last will of Mrs. B. H. Hooker

I, William B. Hooker of Greene county, and State of 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, I do

It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, one suitable to the wishes of my family, and pay funeral expenses together with all my just debts to whomsoever and howsoever owing out of the first money that shall come into her hands as a part or part of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my oldest daughter M. J. Taylor wife of Warren Taylor the tract or parcel of land I recently purchased of Jesse Bridgen containing about one hundred and thirty six acres and for a more accurate description, reference is hereby had to a deed for said land from Jesse Bridgen to me, for and during her natural life, and at her death the same to be equally divided among her children, to have and to hold to them absolutely in fee simple, but if she the said M. J. Taylor should die without leaving any children or child, then the issue of such her surviving child the said land to go and be equally divided among my other children and such issue as may represent any who may be dead.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my daughter Willie F. Hooker one thousand dollars to be paid to her by my executor, which sum with what I have expended for her education will make her equal with my other children in the division of my estate.

Item 3rd I give devise and bequeath to my youngest daughter E. Annie Hooker the tract or parcel of land adjoining my home tract and called and known as the Miller place containing about one hundred and forty acres and for a fuller description reference is hereby had to a deed for said land executed to me by

I also give to my said daughter E. Annie Hooker three hundred dollars in money, to be paid to her by my executor to enable my said daughter to erect a house on said land, to have and to hold said tract or parcel of land, and three hundred dollars absolutely forever.

Item 4th I bequeath to my beloved wife Mary C. Hooker my home plantation, where I now reside containing about two hundred and forty acres, I also give to my said wife after paying my debts and legacies herein before given to my daughters Willie F. and E. Annie all the balance of my personal estate of every kind and description, including all money that is accounted in other choses in action, also all growing crops

at the time of my death, except my Black Mare named Kelly about five years old, which I devise my wife to deliver to my Son Peter A. Hooker on his arriving at the age of twenty one year, or if my wife prefers to do so. She may retain said Mare Kelly by keeping my Son Peter A. an other horse, to have and to hold the said premises and all of said personal estate to her my said wife for and during her natural life, with right to dispose of in any way she may devise, of any of the personal estate, if it become necessary to do so for her comfort or pleasure. And at the death of my wife I give and devise my said home plant also to my Son Peter A. Hooker and also all the personal estate herein given to my wife except so much of the same as may be disposed of by my wife or consumed by the use during her life, to have and hold to him the said Peter A. Hooker the said premises and personal estate absolutely forever, but upon the consideration that my said Son Peter A. Hooker remain with his Mother and assist her in the Management of her business.

Item It is my will and desire and I do direct that my executor have no sale of my personal estate, but that every thing be kept together and business be carried on just as if I were living. I expect to have a sufficiency of money on hand and claims owing me to pay my debts and the legacies herein given to my two daughters.

Item I have already given to my three sons H. A. Hooker, Wm. H. Hooker and Frank Hooker an equal portion of my property and for that reason I have made no provision for them in this will and Testament.

And lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary C. Hooker my lawful executor to execute this my last will & Testament and every part thereof according to the true intent and meaning of the same, hereby revoking all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I hereto Set my hand and Seal this the 31st day of January 1888.

W.B. Hooker (Dead)
Signed, Sealed, published and declared by William B. Hooker to be his last will and Testament in our presence, who at his request and in his presence Subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witnesses

J.F. Moore

W.B. Moore

State of North Carolina, SS. In the Superior Court.

Greene County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will

& Testament of W.B. Hooker dec'd. is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Mary C. Hooker the executrix therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said W.B. Hooker is proven by the oath and examination of J.F. Moore and W.B. Moore 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 W.B. Hooker, that the said W.B. Hooker in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 31st day of January 1888.

And the deponent further saith: that the said W.B. Hooker the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so 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 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 W.B. Hooker 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 that deponent say not.

Solemnly Sworn and
Subscribed this 12th day of
December, 1889, before me

Dw. Patrick Clerk Superior Court.
State of North Carolina, SS. In the Superior Court.
Greene County

J.F. Moore (Seal)
W.B. Moore (Seal)

Hooker.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of J.F. Moore and W.B. Moore the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing now produced by the executrix therein named, is the last will and Testament of W.B. Hooker, and that the same duly executed by the said W.B. Hooker in the presence of said witnesses and at the time of signing the same the said W.B. Hooker was of sound mind. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to Probate as the last will and Testament of the said W.B. Hooker and the executrix therein named qualify as such.

This the 12th day of December, 1889.
Dw. Patrick Clerk Superior Court.