

in the same way, plight and manner as they would take the same by operation of law if I had died intestate.

Item 2. I give and bequeath my personal estate consisting of household and kitchen furniture stock in my store in Snow Hill crops live stock shares in Building and Loan association notes bonds & moneys and all my personal property & effects of whatsoever kind and description to my said husband to, for and upon the uses intents and purposes following to wit:—in trust that hold the same for the education, maintenance benefit use and advantage of our said children and the lawful issue of such as may be deceased having issue. I hereby giving him power and authority to dispose of and invest the said personal property shares, bonds, notes, moneys &c in such way and manner as in his discretion he may deem for the best interest and advantage of the children & issue aforesaid subject to such proper charges and expenses as may be incident to the performance of the trust hereby created

Item 3. I hereby appoint my said husband the Executor of this my last Will and Testament; and I hereby revoke all wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27. day of August in the year Eighteen hundred and Ninety Six

Sarah A. Grimsley *(Seal)*

Then and there signed, sealed, published and declared by Sarah Adelaide Grimsley, the testator above named as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request, in her presence and in presence of each ~~other~~ other have hereto set our names as witnesses to the same.

Isaac Carr
D.S. X and y

State of North Carolina }
Greene County }
In my office }
Sarah A. Grimsley deceased }
I, John B. Dail Clerk
order for probate of Will

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sarah A. Grimsley deceased is exhibited in open

court for probate by John D. Grimsley Executor therein named; and the due execution thereof by the said Sarah A. Grimsley dec'd is duly proven by the oath and examination of Isaac Carr and L. S. Hardy subscribing Witnesses thereto and it is further shown to the satisfaction of the Court by said Witnesses that the said Sarah A. Grimsley 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 their 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 Sarah A. Grimsley dec'd. 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 Superior Court of said County. It is further ordered that said John D. Grimsley be allowed to qualify as Executor as provided by law and enter upon the discharge of the duties imposed by said trust.

Dated this the 16. day of October 1899

John B. Dail,

Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina }
Greene County }

I William Coward of the County of Greene 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:—First That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives & friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 1st. I give and devise to my beloved wife Cyren Coward five hundred dollars in money, and three head of horses or mules her choice all of my cattle and hogs forming utensils negroes & extra

harness one buggy and harness, all of my household & kitchen furniture, except three beds and furniture, all potted on hand and one year's support for myself and each of my family as may reside with her to her and her heirs, ^{in fee simple} forever. I also give her a dower right in all my lands during her life.

Item 2nd I give & devise to my daughter Nannie Coward five hundred dollars in money and one bed and furniture to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my son John and Elias Coward each one bed and furniture to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 4th I leave the residue of my personal estate after paying my just debts and devises & legacies named above to be equally divided between my wife and all my children to share alike, them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 5th I leave all of my real estate to be equally divided between all my children after my wife shall have had her dower laid off to them and their heirs in fee simple forever provided however in the division of my property as named in the two last items my son Walter D. Coward shall account for three hundred dollars as that amount has been advanced to him and my daughter Florence Wood wife of D. W. Wood shall account for seven hundred dollars as that amount has been advanced to her.

Item 6th I hereby appoint and constitute my wife Ann Coward Trustee or guardian for my daughter Nannie Coward to take charge of & manage her estate as she may see proper till my said daughter shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or have married. And lastly I do nominally constitute and appoint my said wife Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills at any time heretofore made by me and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I the said William Coward do hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of August 1896. William Coward (seal)
Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said William Coward to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as Witnesses.

therto. J. A. Edwards Sr & G. F. Redick

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Greene County } Before J. W. Blount, Clerk
In Re Estate of

William Coward } Order for probate of Will.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Coward dec'd is exhibited in open Court before for probate by Ann Coward Executrix therein named; and the due execution thereof by the said William Coward dec'd is duly proven by the oath and examination of J. A. Edwards Sr and G. F. Redick subscribing Witnesses thereto and it is further shown to the satisfaction of the Court by said Witnesses that the said William Coward 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 their knowledge information or belief.

It is thereupon 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 William Coward dec'd; 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 law in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County.

It is further ordered that said Ann Coward be allowed to qualify as Executrix as provided by law and enter upon the discharge of the duties imposed by said trusts.

Dated this 15th day of September 1896

J. W. Blount Clerk
Superior Court