

State of North Carolina
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In the name of God, Amen-
I John C. Carson of the County of
Henderson 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 executors (hereinafter
named) shall provide for my body a
plain and decent burial, suitable with
my known ideas of prudence, without
unnecessary display, and pay all
funeral expenses, together with all my
just debts, home dues and to whomsoever
owing, out of the moneys that may first
come into their hands as a part or
parcel of my estate.

Second - That they provide also for
my children that are now dead
and also for my wife hereinafter
named suitable plain tombstones
and erect them at their respective
graves.

Item - I give and devise to my
beloved wife Margaret Sinclair Carson
and my daughter Mary Lavinia Car-
son all my real estate for and during
the natural life or widowhood of
my said wife; provided however
that if my said daughter
shall marry during the said life
of my said wife, the rents and
profits of my said real estate
shall come exclusively to my said
wife. And this devise is given in lieu
of dower and thirds or yeors accustomed,
of and in all my real estate.

Item - I give and bequeath to my
son Henry H. Carson \$75 to be paid by my

Executors, And in case my said son shall desire my medical Library, he may take the same at his own price (which shall not exceed \$75) and the said price thereof shall be applied for so much in discharge or reduction of the bequest of \$75 as aforesaid.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Lemuel Lee Carson (\$75) in money and also all my Dental Instruments.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Lavinia Carson (\$75) seventy-five Dollars in money to be paid by my Executors. The above bequests are made to make the children mentioned equal with the other children who have heretofore been advanced to the same extent.

And for the purpose of obtaining the means necessary to pay the debts, expenses, legacies, and all the items of this will, it is directed that my personal property or a sufficient amount thereof, remaining at my death, shall be sold by my Executors in a manner thought best by them and the proceeds thereof applied to said purposes, or other lawful purposes pertaining to the management of my estate, And the residue of such proceeds, if any, shall be divided among my children or their heirs or representatives share and share alike exactly and only, as they would take in case I had made no will.

And I further will and devise bequeath and appoint that at the determination of the life estate, or term of my said wife in my real estate as aforesaid and devised above, that is to say, All my real estate shall be sold by my Executors on such terms

and in such manner as they may deem best, and make title to purchasers, and the proceeds thereof shall be equally divided between all my children or their heirs or representatives share and share alike, exactly and only as they would take the same under the law in case I should have made no will. And it is my intention that Maude Sinclair Josephine Carson infant of my son Joseph deceased, shall receive a full child's part with my children the same that my son Joseph would have received had he survived me. And it is further my intention that the share of said infant, be paid to a guardian for said infant, duly appointed and under good bond to be used for the education and proper training of said infant; And my executors are specially directed to see well to the carrying out of my intention in the interest of said infant.

Item - All my estate of any kind which might possibly be found as a residue and undisposed of above, shall be divided equally among my children and their heirs or representatives, as provided in foregoing devises and bequests.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Charles A. Carson and W. G. Carson my lawful 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.

In witness
Whereof I, the said John

L. Carson do hereunto set my hand
and seal this 19th day of March A.D.
1886.

John L. Carson *(Seal)*

Signed sealed published and
declared by the said John
L. Carson to be his last will
and testament, in the presence
of us, who at his request and
in his presence, do subscribe
our names as witnesses
thereto.

Wm E. Allen
J. J. Osborne,

State of North Carolina }
Henderson County }

In the matter of application for *Probate*
of the last will and Testament of John
L. Carson deceased—

W. G. Corson being by me duly sworn
says:

- 1 That he and L. A. Corson are
the executors named in said will—
- 2 The value of the real Estate of
the testator so far as can be ascer-
-tained is about Two Thousand Six
hundred Dollars, and the value
of the personal property is about
Four Hundred Dollars—

3. The names and residences of the
parties entitled to Testators property
are as follows.

Margaret S. Corson	Henderson County	N.C.
Thos T. Corson	Washington	D.C.
C. A. Corson	Pack County	N.C.
W. G. Corson	Henderson County	N.C.
H. A. Corson	Jefferson City	Miss.

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Mary L. Corson Henderson County N.C.
Samuel L. Corson " " N.C.
Maudie St. Clair Josephine Corson Rutherford " N.C.
all of whom are of full age except
Maudie St. Clair Josephine Corson who is a
minor and is without guardian.

W.G. Corson,

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this the 22. day May 1886.

J. M. Mc C. S. C.

North Carolina | In the Supreme Court
Henderson County | May 22, 1886.

A paper writing purporting to be
the last will and testament of
John C. Corson deceased is exhibited
before me the Undersigned, Clerk of
the Superior Court of said County
by W. G. Corson one of the executors
therein named, and the due
execution by the said John C. Corson
is proven by the oath and examination
of Kate E. Allen and J. J. Osborne the
witnesses thereto - who say that they
are the subscribing witnesses to the
said paper writing, purporting to be the
last will and testament of the
said John C. Corson.

That John C. Corson in the presence
of the said Kate E. Allen and J. J.
Osborne subscribed his name at the
end of the said paper writing -

That the said John C. Corson the
Testator aforesaid did at the time
of signing his name as aforesaid
declare the paper writing so subscribed
by him to be his last will and testament
and they did thereupon subscribe their
names, at the end of said will as
attesting witnesses thereto. And at the
request and in the presence of the said
Testator. That at the time when

The said Testator subscribed his name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid, and at the time of their subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said John C. Corson was of sound mind and memory; of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to their knowledge, information and belief. It therefore appears that said paper writing, which is hereto appended, and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John C. Corson deceased - That the same is duly proven according to Law.

It is therefore ordered that the said will and this certificate be recorded and filed, and the said W. G. Corson is duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath of Office prescribed by Law,

C. M. Price C. S. C.