

to law: so help me God.

Swoon and subscribed before me
this 17th day of November, 1886.

W. H. Hume, C. S. C.

Austin Williams.

The Will.

In the name of God, Amen.
I, Margaret Lane of the County of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but sound of mind, memory, and understanding, praise be to God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

I give to my beloved nephew Jesse Thomas Lane all of my personal property, consisting of beds and bedsteads, and certain notes that I hold against Robert H. Williams for the sale of fifty acres of land secured by mortgage on said land to the amount of four hundred dollars, and all other property that I may die possessed of.

I do nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved friend Austin Williams, my sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all and every other will or wills at any time heretofore made, and declare this to be my last will and testament.

Whereof I the said Margaret Lane have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of Dec., 1886.

Margaret ⁱⁿ Lane ^{mark}

Witness:

C. H. Joyner

Daniel Williams.

Codicil.

I hereby give to my beloved sister Elizabeth White fifty cents, and to my sister Susan Newell fifty cents, and to my brother Abraham Lane fifty cents.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of December, 1886.

Margaret ⁱⁿ Lane ^{mark}

Witness:

C. H. Joyner

Daniel Williams.

State of North Carolina,
Lenoir County.

The foregoing paper writings purporting to be the last will and

testament of Margaret Lane, and a codicil thereto, are exhibited for probate, before me, the undersigned, Clerk of said Court, by Austin Williams, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Margaret Lane is proved by the oath and examination of C. H. Joyner and Daniel Williams, the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is, therefore, considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writings, and every part and clause thereof, are the last will and testament, and a codicil thereto, of the said Margaret Lane, and the same as such, are ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Austin Williams, executor, as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law, whereupon letters testamentary, with a copy of said will and codicil, are issued to him.

, C. S. C.

Enrolled in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Lenoir County the day of 1886.

, C. S. C.

Emily Pope

Application

of
William J. Pope

for
Letters Testamentary

State of North Carolina,
Lenoir County.

Before W. H. Hume,
Clerk Superior Court.

In the matter of the last will of Emily Pope.

William J. Pope being duly sworn, doth say:

That Emily Pope, late of said County is dead, having first made and published her last will and testament; and that William J. Pope is the Executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Emily Pope, consisting of Real and Personal Property, is worth about \$20,000, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Mary H. Pope, Rosa Wilson, wife of Moses Wilson, Elizabeth W. Fields, wife of John Fields Jr., Emily E. Pope, William Pope, and Robert H. Pope, are the parties entitled under said will to said property.

W. J. Pope

Swoon to and subscribed
before me the 27th day of
March, 1886.

W. H. Hume, C. S. C.

Examined
of
Witnesses.

State of North Carolina,
Lenoir County.

In the Superior Court,

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Emily Pope, deceased, is exhibited before me, the under-

signed, Writ of the Superior Court for said County, by H. J. Pope, the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Emily Pope is proved by the oath and examination of Joseph Dixon, and J. C. Edwards, 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 Emily Pope; that the said Emily Pope, in the presence of the deponent, subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 27th day of Dec., 1885.

And the deponent further saith that the said Emily Pope, the testatrix, aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing, so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament, and the 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 testatrix. And the deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Emily Pope 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 deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Joseph Dixon *(Test)*
J. C. Edwards *(Test)*

Severally sworn and
subscribed this 27th day
of March, 1886.
W. H. Hume, C. S. C.

Clerk
of the Executor.

State of North Carolina, } In the Superior Court.
Superior County. }

I, William J. Pope, do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Emily Pope, deceased, and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying her debts and then her legacies, as far as the said estate shall extend, or the law will charge me, and that I will well and faithfully execute

the office of an executor agreeably to the trust and confidence reposed in me, and according to law, so help me, God.
H. J. Pope.

Sworn and subscribed
before me this 27th day of
March, 1886.
W. H. Hume, C. S. C.

The Will.

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Emily Pope, of the State of North Carolina and County of Duval, being of sound mind and memory, but that it is appointed for all to die, do make this instrument my last will and testament in manner and form as follows, viz.:

I resign my soul to Almighty God, who gave it, and my body to be buried in a Christian-like manner, and my worldly estate I dispose of as follows:

Item 1st. That my Executor hereinafter named shall pay all funeral expenses, and all my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of any money that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd. It is my will and desire that my beloved husband H. J. Pope take in charge my entire estate, and hold in trust the same during his natural life for the benefit of my six children, namely, Mary H. Pope, Rosa Wilson, wife of Abner Wilson, Elizabeth Z. Fields, wife of John Fields, Jr., Emily E. Pope, William Pope and Robert H. Pope, the three youngest to be raised and educated from the proceeds of the same, and at the death of my husband I give, devise and bequeath my entire estate to my six children above named to share and share alike or their legal representatives to have and to hold forever. Provided that during the lifetime of my husband H. J. Pope, if he, with any three of the children above named who are of the age of twenty-one, may sell my plantation at a price they may agree upon and divide the same, reserving to the younger ones their share by bond or other property, in that case I authorize my husband H. J. Pope to make deed for those under twenty-one years of age.

Item 3rd. I constitute and appoint my beloved husband H. J. Pope, Executor, without bond, to take charge of, receive rents, raise and educate my three youngest children out of the proceeds of same, and at his death the balance to be equally divided as above directed. According to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part thereof, whereof I, the said

Emily Pope, do herunto set my hand and seal this the 5th day of December, 1885.

Emily Pope Seal

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the said Emily Pope 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 witnesses thereto.

Witnesses

Joseph Dixon
J. C. Edwards

State of North Carolina, } Superior Court,
Lenoir County, } March 27, 1886.

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Emily Pope, deceased, is exhibited, for probate, before the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by William J. Pope, the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Emily Pope is proved by the oath and examination of Joseph Dixon and J. C. Edwards, the two subscribing witnesses thereto. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part and clause thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Emily Pope, deceased, and the same, as such, is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said William J. Pope, Executor, as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law, whereupon letters testamentary, with a copy of said last will and testament annexed, are issued to him as the law directs.

W. H. Hume, C. C.

Enrolled in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Lenoir County the 29th day of April, 1886.

W. H. Hume, C. C.
W. H. Hume, D. C.

Celia Walters.

Application

J. M. Hadley

for
Letters Testamentary.

State of North Carolina, }
Lenoir County, }

In the matter of the last will of Celia Walters, deceased. } Before W. H. Hume,
Clerk Superior Court.

J. M. Hadley, being duly sworn, doth say:

That Celia Walters, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published her last will and testament, and that J. M. Hadley is the Executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Celia Walters, consisting of real and personal property, is worth about \$5000, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application, and that Louis A. Albertson, the Society of the Presbyterian Church, at La Grange, for church purposes, Belle Kdsberry and Lizzie E. Hadley, are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

J. M. Hadley

Sworn to and subscribed
before me the 27th day of April,
1886.

W. H. Hume, C. C.

Examination
of
Witnesses.

State of North Carolina, } In the Superior Court.
Lenoir County, }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Celia Walters, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, by J. M. Hadley, the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Celia Walters is proved by the oath and examination of H. C. Murchison and W. H. Hadley, 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 Celia Walters; that the said Celia Walters, in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 18th day of February, 1886.

And the deponent further says that the said Celia Walters, the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name, as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by her and exhibited, to be her last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Celia Walters was of sound mind and memory, of