

that Dr F. M. Rountree late of the said County, is dead, having made his last will and testament, which has been admitted to probate, (a true copy whereof is herewith annexed,) and George L. Hodges the Executor therein named, having qualified as such according to law:

Now these are therefore to empower the said Executor, to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and Chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased and the same to take into possession, Wheresoever to be found, and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay and satisfy; and the residue of said estate to distribute according to the directions of said Will.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Court, this 25 day of February 1888

E. M. Biggell
Clerk Superior Court

Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Lenoir County State of North Carolina This 8th day of March 1888
E. M. Biggell
C. C.

Attestation of
R. S. Taylor
for
Estate Testamentary

State of North Carolina }
Lenoir County }

In the matter of the last will, Be fore E. M. Biggell
of Fannie H. Taylor } Clerk Superior Court

R. S. Taylor being duly sworn, doth say: That Fannie H. Taylor late of said County, is dead, having first made and published her last will and testament, and that R. S. Taylor is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Fannie H. Taylor consisting of real estate and personal property, is worth about \$200.00, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Mrs Martha Taylor is the party entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
the 7th day of July 1888

E. M. Biggell
Clerk Superior Court

Robert S. Taylor

Examination
of
Witnesses

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Fannie H. Taylor deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by R. S. Taylor the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Fannie H. Taylor by the oath and examination of J. K. Taylor and Samuel Taylor the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Fannie H. Taylor; that the said Fannie H. Taylor 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 30th day of June 1888.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Fannie H. Taylor the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare, the said paper-writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament, and this deponent

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 swears, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her 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 Fannie H. Taylor 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, these deponents say not.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed } I. H. Taylor (seal)
this 7th day of July 1888 before me } Samuel Taylor (seal)
E. H. Bizzell
Clerk Superior Court

Oath

State of North Carolina }
Gaston County } ss. In the Superior Court

I, R. S. Taylor do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Fannie H. Taylor 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 agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in me, and according to law, so help me God.

Sworn and subscribed before me, }
this 7. day of July 1888. } Robert S. Taylor
E. H. Bizzell
Clerk Superior Court

File of
Fannie H. Taylor

I, Fannie H. Taylor, of the County of Gaston, in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this paper writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

Item 1st It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter to be named shall provide for my body as decent burial according to the wishes of my family

and friends and pay the expenses of my burial and funeral together with my just debts out of the first money that may come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate; and that he collect all debts that may be owing to me or my estate.

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that all of my property both real and personal of every kind and description wherever situated or located; and all of my rights title, interest or estate in any property real or personal coming or having come to me, by descent or purchase from any source whatever I will, devise and bequeath to Mrs. Martha Taylor, the mother of my beloved husband, R. S. Taylor; to have and to hold to her, the said Martha Taylor, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that my beloved husband, R. S. Taylor, act as my executor; and I do hereby appoint him my lawful executor to execute this my last will and testament according to the meaning and intent thereof, hereby revoking and rendering null and void all other wills and testaments heretofore made and published by me.

Signed, read and published, }
by me, the said Fannie H. Taylor, }
to be my last will and testament in } Fannie H. Taylor (seal)
the presence of the undersigned }
witnesses who by my request and }
in my presence have subscribed }
their names as witnesses hereto on }
this 30th day of June 1888

Probate of }
Will } State of North Carolina }
Gaston County } In the Superior Court.

In the matter of the last will of
Fannie H. Taylor.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of I. H. Taylor and Samuel Taylor the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing for probate by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Fannie H. Taylor and that the same was

executed by said Fannie H. Taylor in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Fannie H. Taylor was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate, as the last will and testament of the said Fannie H. Taylor and the executor therein named qualify as such, and that letters Testamentary issue, and said letters are this day issued to R. S. Taylor the executor.

This the 7th day of July 1858

E. H. Biggell
Clerk Superior Court

Fathers.

Lenoir County: In the Superior Court

(State of North Carolina,

To all whom these presents shall come - Greeting:

It being satisfactorily proved to the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for Lenoir County, that Fannie H. Taylor late of said County, is dead, having made her last will and testament, which has been admitted to probate, (a true copy whereof is herewith annexed,) and Robert S. Taylor the Executor named therein, having qualified as such according to law:

Now these are therefore to empower the said executor to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, and the same to take into possession, wheresoever to be found, and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay and satisfy, and the residue of said estate to distribute according to the directions of said will.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this the 7th day of July 1858.

E. H. Biggell
Clerk Superior Court

1396, 1397 & 1455, Code.

Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Lenoir County, State of North Carolina, this 9th day of July 1858

E. H. Biggell
Clerk

Dirah Parker
Will

Application for
Probate

State of North Carolina
Lenoir County

In the matter of the last will } Before E. H. Biggell
of Dirah Parker. } Clerk Superior Court

Delier Parker being duly sworn, doth say:

That Dirah Parker, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published her last will and testament, and that she Delier Parker is one of the devisees named therein. Further, that the property of the said Dirah Parker consisting of one house and lot in the town of Kinston is worth about \$100, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that she Delier Parker and her children are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me the 18th day of June } Delier Parker
1858. E. H. Biggell }
Clerk Superior Court

Examination
of
Witnesses

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Dirah Parker deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Delier Parker one of the devisees therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Dirah Parker by the oath and examination of Susan Staley and Oliver Horneyay the subscribing witnesses thereto: Who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for herself depose and saith that she is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown her purporting to be the last will and testament of Dirah Parker; that the said Dirah Parker, 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 16th day of February 1855.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Dirah Parker the testatrix aforesaid, died, at the time