

Application
Mary A. Stinson
for
Letters Testamentary

State of North Carolina,
Lenoir County }

In the matter of the last will of } Deceased E. H. Rizzell
John H. Stinson } Clerk Superior Court.

Mary A. Stinson being duly sworn, doth say:
That John H. Stinson, late of said County, is dead,
having first made and published his last Will and
Testament; and that Mary A. Stinson is the executrix
named therein.

Further, that the property of the said John H. Stinson
consisting of about 500 acres land, two town lots, four
mules, pony, buggy, harness, furniture, growing crops,
farming utensils &c. is worth about \$7,000 as far
as can be ascertained at the date of this application;
and that Mary A. Stinson, Ida Harry, wife of E. Harry
of Winston, Clara Bryan, wife of John H. Bryan, Callahan &
Jimmie Stinson, Jones County N.C., Edward Stinson and
Mary Agnes Stinson, minors, without guardian of Winston
N.C. are the parties entitled under said will to the said
property.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me the 11th day of July 1889 } Mary A. Stinson
E. H. Rizzell }
Clerk Superior Court }

Examination
Minors

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of John H. Stinson deceased, is exhibited
before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court
for said County, by Mary A. Stinson the executrix there-
in mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said
John H. Stinson by the oath and examination of H. H.
Gray and J. D. Jackson the subscribing witnesses there-
to, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each
for himself depose and say that he is a subscrib-
ing witness to the paper writing now shown him, pur-
porting to be the last will and Testament of John H.
Stinson; that the said John H. Stinson, in the pre-

of this document, subscribed his name at the end of said
paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and
which bears date of the 21st day of April 1886.

And the deponent further saith, that the said John
H. Stinson the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of
subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare, the said
paper writing as 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 de-
ponent further saith, that at the said time when the said
testator subscribed his name to said last Will as
aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his
name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the
said John H. Stinson was of sound mind and memory,
of free 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.

H. A. Gray (Scrib)
J. D. Jackson (Scrib)

Sworn to and subscribed
this 12th day of July 1889 before }
me } E. H. Rizzell
Clerk Superior Court }

Oath

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

I, Mary A. Stinson do solemnly swear (or affirm) that
I believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and
Testament of John H. Stinson deceased; and that I will
well and truly execute the same by first paying his
debts and then his 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
executrix agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed
in me, and according to law so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me, this 11th day of July 1889 } Mary A. Stinson
E. H. Rizzell }
Clerk Superior Court }

I, John H. Storneson of Lenoir 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

First That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my family and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come in her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

✓ Then I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary A. Storneson four hundred dollars as a years support for herself and children to be valued and allotted to her out of the Prop. Stock and provisions on hand at the time of my death by a committee consisting of a Justice of the Peace and two competent free holders and if there should be a deficiency of such Prop. stock and provisions on hand, or if my wife should not desire the whole amount in such Prop. Stock and provisions, the balance of the four hundred dollars to be paid her in money out my personal estate.

3 I also give and bequeath to my said wife all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind to have and to hold the same during her life, and at her death the same to be equally divided between my two youngest children Eddie H. and Mary A. Storneson and any other child or children that may hereafter be born to me of my said wife, to have and to hold the same absolutely forever.

4 Then I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary A. Storneson my dwelling house and lot in which I now live situated in the town of Winston in Lenoir County and bounded on the South by Gordon street on the West by Queen Street, on the North by J. H. Brangers lot and on the East by the Waring Lot to have and to hold said lot and all improvements thereon for and during her life or widowhood.

5 Then I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary A. Storneson, the dwelling and lot as as to include the out houses around said dwelling on my farm

situated on Jerico Branch in said County of Lenoir and adjoining the lands of William Faulkner by the same, the Patriotic land and others, also a two horse farm of cleared land on any part of said farm she may select, with the privilege and right to get and use fire wood and timber for herself and the use of said houses and two horse farm off any part of said track of land, to have and to hold said dwelling, lot and other houses and two horse farm of land, from and after two years from my death, for and during her life or widowhood.

Then It is my will and desire, and I so direct that my Executor shall rent out my said farm on Jerico Branch and all other real estate I may possess at the time of my death, except the house and lot in the town of Winston herein given to my wife, for two years after my death, and longer if necessary, for the purpose of raising assets to pay my just debts, but out of the money arising from such renting for the second year after my death a sufficient sum shall be given or retained to or by my said wife for a comfortable support for her and her children for one year, and the balance only of such rents applied to the payment of my debts.

Then Whereas I have used some of my wife's money and desire that the same be repaid to her I direct that any note or notes she may hold against me at the time of my death, which I may have executed to her, shall be paid as my just and lawful debts.

Then All the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal, including the remainder of the real estate herein given to my beloved wife Mary A. Storneson, I give bequeath and devise to my children, Ida Harvey wife of L. Harvey, Belia Bryan wife of John H. Bryan, James Storneson, Eddie H. Storneson and Mary A. Storneson and any other child or children that may hereafter be born to me, to be equally divided among them, to share and share alike, to have and to hold to them and their heirs forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary A. Storneson my lawful Executor to execute this my last Will

and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof - hereby resolving and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

And if my said wife shall not desire to accept the appointment as executrix and qualify as such then I desire and direct that whomsoever she shall select shall be appointed administrator with this Will annexed, to administer my estate according to the manner herein directed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 21st day of April 1886.

John H. Stornum (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by John H. Stornum to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

M. A. Gray

J. D. Jackson

Probate

State of North Carolina }
Gaston County } In Superior Court

In the matter of the last Will }
of John H. Stornum }

It appearing to the Court by the Oath and examination of M. A. Gray and J. D. Jackson the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the executrix therein named, is the last will and testament of John H. Stornum and that the same was duly executed by said John H. Stornum in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said John H. Stornum 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 John H. Stornum and the Executrix therein named qualify as such. It

ordered that the said will with the foregoing proceedings thereof be recorded and filed and that Letters Testamentary issue.

Thus the 12th day of July, 1889

E. H. Bizzell

Clerk Superior Court

Recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County, State of North Carolina. This 15th day of July 1889

E. H. Bizzell

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