

County, South Carolina, and designated as lot No 3 in said division, and described as follows: Begins at a stake, 21 poles from the mouth of the lane, and runs up the road S. 86 N. 6 E. poles to a curve; then South 82 N. 20 poles to a persimmon tree, then N. about 70 poles to a stake; then N. 86 E. 86 poles to a stake near the old homestead, then South to the first station, containing forty-eight (48) acres more or less.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said husband, D. H. Beeton to be the Executor of this my last will and testament hereby, revoking all other wills by me made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament.

It is my wish, and I so direct, that my said Executor D. H. Beeton, shall not be required to bond as my Executor.

In witness whereof I, Cora A. Beeton, the testatrix, have, to this my will, written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this 16th day of May, 1885.

Cora A. Beeton (Seal)

Signed, published, and declared by the above named Cora A. Beeton, as and for her last will and testament, who at her request, have signed as witnesses to the same.

Durham Brady,  
Jesse Harper,  
Simpson Harper.

South Carolina, } Superior Court,  
Lenoir County. } July 29, 1885.

The foregoing paper - writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Cora A. Beeton, dec'd, is exhibited for probate, before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by D. H. Beeton, the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Cora A. Beeton is proved by the oath and examination of Durham Brady, and Jesse Harper, two of the 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 Cora A. Beeton, and the same, as such, is ordered to be filed. It is further ordered that a copy of said

last will and testament, together with a transcript of the proceedings had therein in this Court, be certified to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Duplin County, to the end that said last will and testament, and said proceedings, be recorded and filed in the said County of Duplin. And thereupon the said D. H. Beeton, Executor as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such, by taking the oath required by law, whereupon letters testamentary, and a copy of said will are issued to him.

W. H. Munro, C. C. C.

Enrolled in the office of the Superior Court Clerk of Lenoir County, the 5th day of August, 1885.

W. H. Munro, C. C. C.  
W. H. Hunter, D. C.

Maria Edwards

State of South Carolina, }  
Lenoir County. }

Application

of

Wm. B. Mayo,

for

Letters Testamentary.

In the matter of the last } Before W. H. Munro,  
Will of Maria Edwards } Clerk Superior Court.  
William B. Mayo, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That Maria Edwards, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published her last will and testament; and that William B. Mayo is the Executor named therein. Further, that the property of the said Maria Edwards consisting of personal property is worth about \$2500.00, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Martha E. Mayo is the party entitled under said will to the said property.

W. B. Mayo.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me 10th day of August,  
1885.

W. H. Munro,  
Clerk Superior Court.

Examination  
of  
Witnesses.

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Maria Edwards, dec'd, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Superior Court Clerk for said County by William B. Mayo, the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Maria Edwards is proved by the oath and examination of D. Haddock and Mary E. Haddock.

the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, say, and each for himself and herself depose and say that he and she are subscribing witnesses to said paper writing now shown him and her purporting to be the last will and testament of Maria Edwards; that the said Maria Edwards in the presence of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 1st day of August, 1854.

And the deponents further say that the said Maria Edwards 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 these deponents did then and there subscribe his and her names at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And these deponents further say that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said Maria Edwards 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.

Wm. E. Haddock *Test*  
H. Haddock *Test*

Severally sworn and subscribed  
this 10th day of August 1855, before me  
H. H. Hunn, C. S. C.

Back of the  
Executor.

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

I William B. Mayo, do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Maria Edwards, dec'd; 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.

Sworn and subscribed before me } H. B. Mayo  
this 10th day of August, 1855 }  
H. H. Hunn, C. S. C. }

The Will.

I Maria Edwards, of the County of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: My Executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all of my funeral expenses, together with my just debts, my, first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item first. I give and devise to my beloved grand daughter Marcha E. Mayo all of my property of every description both personal and real estate, also all of my money and notes belonging to me that may be found after my death. To have and to hold to use said property in any form or manner as she may see proper. If my grand daughter Marcha E. Mayo marry before she is twenty-one years of age, and has children and dies before she is twenty-one years of age all of the said property go to her children, and if she has no children, then all of her said property to go to her husband, and if she has no husband it is my will and desire that Jane Edwards my former slave have two hundred dollars paid to her by my lawful executor. My will and desire is that the S. Deciple church in Kingston have two hundred dollars paid by my executor.

Item 2nd. My will and desire is that half of the aforesaid property is to go to my husband's sea Edwards dec'd, to his brothers and sisters children, to be equally divided between them. The other half of said property to my brothers and sisters children to be equally divided between them.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son in law William B. Mayo my lawful Executor. August 1st, 1854.

Maria Edwards *Test*

Witness:  
H. Haddock  
Wm. E. Haddock. }

North Carolina, } Superior Court,  
Lenoir County. } August 10, 1855.

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Maria Edwards, dec'd, is exhibited for probate, before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by William B. Mayo, the Executor therein named; and the execution thereof by the said Maria

Edwards is proved, by the oath and examination of R. Haddock and Mary E. Haddock, the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is, therefore, considered and adjudged by the said court, that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Maria Edwards, and the same as such is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said William B. Mayo, Executor as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law; whereupon letters testamentary, and a copy of said will, are issued to him.

W. H. Dunn, C. S. C.

Enrolled in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Lenoir County, the 14th day of September, 1885.

W. H. Dunn, C. S. C.  
W. H. H. Hunt, D. C.

Elizabeth Bartleson  
Application  
of  
Samuel A. Bartleson  
for  
Letters Testamentary

State of North Carolina,  
Lenoir County.

In the matter of the last will of Elizabeth Bartleson. } Before W. H. Dunn,  
Clerk Superior Court.

Samuel A. Bartleson, being duly sworn, doth say:  
That Elizabeth Bartleson, of said county, is dead, having first made and published her last will and testament, and that Samuel A. Bartleson is the Executor named therein.  
That the property of the said Elizabeth Bartleson, consisting of real and personal property is worth about \$3000.00, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this attestation, and that Samuel A. Bartleson is the party entitled under said will to the said property.

Saml. A. Bartleson.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me the 14th day of  
September, 1885.  
W. H. Dunn,  
Clerk Superior Court.

Examination  
of  
Witnesses.

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Bartleson, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Samuel A. Bartleson the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Bartleson is proved by the oath and examination of J. B. Cummings and N. D. Meyers, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Bartleson; that the said Elizabeth Bartleson, 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 28th day of December, 1883.

And the deponent further saith that he said Elizabeth Bartleson, 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, and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Elizabeth Bartleson 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.

J. B. Cummings, *Test*  
N. D. Meyers, *Test*

Personally sworn and subscribed  
this 14th day of September,  
1885, before me.

W. H. Dunn,  
Clerk Superior Court.