

of Lenoir County, the 11th day of July, 1872.

Wm. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Hinnifred B. Blount
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Hinnifred B. Blount,
Exr.

Sept. 7, 1872.

Lenoir County— Probate Court.

1. H. H. Blount maketh oath that Hinnifred B. Blount did leaving a last will and testament, and that he is Executor thereof and in trust in the devise.

2. The value of the estate is worth by estimation between ten and twelve thousand dollars, and consists of personal estate and about 295 acres of land.

3. The names of the children as legatees and devisees are as follows, to wit: H. H. Blount, age about fourteen years, W. H. Blount, aged about 12 years, John H. Blount, age 8 years, Boyan H. Blount, age 5 years, and Annie Blount, age 2 1/2 years, all minors, and reside with the said H. H. Blount in the County of Lenoir and have no Guardian.

Sworn and subscribed
before me Sept. 7, 1872.

Wm. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Lenoir County— In the Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Hinnifred B. Blount, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Judge of Probate, in and for said county, by H. H. Blount, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Hinnifred B. Blount, by the oath and examination of James M. Koenegay and A. H. Barwick, 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 Hinnifred B. Blount. That the said Hinnifred B. Blount, 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, on the 14th day of February, 1872. And the deponent further sayeth that the said Hinnifred B. Blount, 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 to 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 sayeth that at the said time, when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will, as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Hinnifred B. Blount, 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.

Sworn and subscribed
this 7th day of Sept. 1872, before me.

Wm. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Jas. M. Koenegay,
A. H. Barwick.

Whereas, by virtue of a deed of marriage settlement had and made by and between Hinnifred B. Blount, now, Hinnifred B. Blount, of the first part, Hinnifred B. Blount, of the second part, and William H. Washington, of the third part, bearing date Sept. 14, A. D. 1852, the estate of the said Hinnifred, both real and personal, was duly conveyed and assigned to the said William H. Washington, his heirs, executors, administrators in special Trust &c., as will more fully appear by reference to said deed. And whereas, the said William H. Washington having deceased, Nathan B. Whitfield of Lenoir Co. N. C., was duly appointed by the Hon. the Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Equity, of Lenoir Co., at Fall Term of said Court, Feb. 1865, trustee to said Hinnifred B. Blount, as will more fully appear by reference to the decree made at said Term, &c. And whereas among other things in said deed of marriage settlement it was provided that the said Hinnifred shall and may at any time have full power & authority notwithstanding her coverture to revoke, cancel, & amend this deed of the estate thereby conveyed, or to convey any part or all of the same to such person or persons as she may choose, either by deed or will in the nature of an appointment, &c. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power & authority to me reserved in said deed of marriage settlement, I, Hinnifred B. Blount of the County of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of any earthly existence, do make & declare this my last will & testament, in manner following, that is to say: I give & devise to my children, Hinnifred B. Blount, Frederick H. Blount, Caroline H. Blount, John H. Blount, Boyan H. Blount & each other child or children as I may hereinafter have issue of my body, my estate to have & to hold unto them and their heirs forever.

I cheer heirs in fee simple forever, & all my personal estate to them & their assigns forever, upon the conditions as follows. To part or portion of said real estate is to be sold or disposed until my youngest child, then living, shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years: that the dwelling house I now occupy, or such other as may hereafter be built shall be & constitute a home for my husband, H. H. Blount, during his life & for each & every one of my children until my youngest child, then living, shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years: that the annual rents, profits, incomes &c. derived from my plantation or any other source, shall be devoted & applied to the support & education of my children, to the necessary repair of houses & plantation, & the surplus or excess of such annual rents, profits & incomes, shall & may be used in such manner by my executor, hereinafter named, as he may deem best without his being required to render any account of the same: When my youngest child, then living, shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, it is my will & desire that all my real and personal estate shall be divided equally between my above named children & such child or children as I may hereafter have, issue of my body, share & share alike, & should either or any of them die without issue then their share shall be equally divided between my other children then living, or should either or any of them die leaving issue, then such distributive share shall go to such issue as left. I hereby give & bequeath to my husband, H. H. Blount, one dollar. And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved husband, H. H. Blount my lawful executor, to all intents & purposes, to execute this my last will & testament, according to the true intent & meaning of the same, hereby revoking & declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made. And it is my special request & desire that no bond or security of any kind be required of my husband, H. H. Blount, as executor of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof, I the said Minniefred B. Blount, do hereunto set my hand & seal this the fourteenth day of February, A.D. 1872.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Minniefred B. Blount to be her last will & testament, in the presence of us, who at her request & in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Minniefred B. Blount (Seal)

James M. Komegay
A. H. Barwick.

Lenoir County. In the Probate Court, Sept. 17, 1872.
On reading the application of H. H. Blount to admit a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Minniefred B. Blount, deceased, to probate, and to be qualified as executor to said paper writing, according to the appointment made by same, and having examined, on oath, James M. Komegay and A. H. Barwick, the two subscribing witnesses to said paper writing, as to the execution thereof. It is adjudged that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said H. B. Blount, and thereupon the said H. H. Blount, the executor therein appointed, comes forward and takes and subscribes the following oath:

State of North Carolina,

Lenoir County. } In the Probate Court.

I, H. H. Blount, do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Minniefred B. Blount, 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 will 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,
this 17th day of September 1872.

H. H. Blount.

Wm. H. K. Hunter,
Probate Judge,

whereupon Letters Testamentary are issued to the said H. H. Blount as executor of said Last Will and Testament.

Wm. H. K. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Enrolled in the office of the Superior Court Clerk of Lenoir County, the 25th day of January, 1873.

Wm. H. K. Hunter,
Probate Judge.