

North Carolina }
Macon County, }

1880

In the name of Almighty God.

I, R. L. Porter, being of sound and disposing mind and memory but mindful of the uncertainty of life, do hereby make, publish and declare the following as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and declaring null and void any and all Wills heretofore made by me; That is to say:

1. I hereby make, constitute and appoint as executors of this my last will and testament my true and trusty friends Jas. A. Porter, Chas. C. Smith and H. S. Johnston. It is my will and desire that said executors or each of them as shall qualify, be required to give bond as prescribed by law, before entering upon the discharge of their duties as such executors.

For case either of them should fail to qualify, or after qualifying should die, leave the State or for any reason become disqualified, then and in that event the remaining executor or executors hereinbefore named shall have full power and authority to carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament.

2. It is my will and desire that my executors pay out of the first moneys coming into their hands all my just debts and my funeral expenses.

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last Will and Testament.

2. It is my will and desire that my
executors pay out of the first mon-
ey coming into their hands all my
just debts and my funeral expenses.
3. In the event that my daughter Nellie
V. Crawford dies within five years
from the date of this my last Will
and Testament, and not otherwise,
I give, devise and bequeath to her son
Robert L. Crawford the sum of one
thousand dollars, the same to be
invested and kept at interest by

A guardian to be appointed by the Court And the whole Amount Principal and Accumulated interest - to be turned over to him when he arrives at the age of Twenty-one years, If the said Robert L. Crawford shall die before arriving at the age of Twenty-one years then said bequest and Accumulated interest shall revert to my estate to be distributed as set out in Item 7 and 8 of this my last will and testament But the bequest mentioned in this Item shall in no event take effect until the death of the said Wallie V. Crawford, and shall not take effect at all if she lives longer than five years from the date hereof.

4. I Give, devise and bequeath to my Grand Nephew, R. L. Porter, Son of Jas. A. Porter my nephew, the sum of one thousand dollars the same to be invested and kept at interest for him by a guardian to be appointed by the Court until he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, at which time the principal and accrued interest of this bequest shall be turned over to him. In Case he should die before attaining the age of twenty-one years, said bequest and Accumulated interest shall revert to my estate, to be disposed of under Item 7 and 8 of this my last will and testament

5. It is my will and desire that Jas. A. Porter or in the event of his death, C. C. Smith And in the event of his death, H. S. Johnston, Rec that my two Children Dewitt and Iris receive each a Ford

But the bequest mentioned in this Item shall in no event take effect until the death of the said Mallie V. Crawford, and shall not take effect at all if she lives longer than five years from the date hereof.

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5. It is my will and desire that Jas. A. Porter, or in the event of his death, C. C. Smith, and in the event of his death, H. S. Johnston, see that my two children, Dewitt and Iris receive each a good education, the expenses thereof to be paid from my estate or its proceeds - the amount of schooling each shall receive to be left to the discretion of the one having the matter in charge.

6. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Florence Porter, during her widowhood my house and lot

in the town of Franklin, N.C., together with all the furniture and other articles in said dwelling house; also my store house and lot in said town, and my farm on the Georgia road near Franklin the same being known as the Gribble place, at her death, or in the event she marries again then at the date of such marriage, I give, devise and bequeath all the property mentioned in this item to my children Benlow Parrish, Iris Porter and Dewitt Porter, an undivided one-third interest each in fee, subject to the conditions mentioned in item 8 hereof.

9. All the rest and residue of my property, real, personal and mixed and wherever situate, I give, devise and bequeath to my executors hereinbefore named, in trust to sell either at public or private sale, and in such lots and on such terms as they may deem best; with full power and authority to sell my real estate and make title to the purchasers in fee simple or otherwise without any order or decree of Court, It is also my will and desire that my executors collect all debts due me that can be collected.

Out of the proceeds of the sale of said property and the collection of the debts aforesaid I desire my executors first to pay my first debts and funeral expenses and provide for the bequest

I give, devise and bequeath all the property mentioned in this item to my Children Berlow Parrish, Iris Porter and De Witt Porter, an undivided one-third interest each in fee, subject to the conditions mentioned in item 8 hereof.

7. All the rest and residue of my property, real, personal and mixed and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to my executors hereinbefore named, in trust to sell either at public or private sale, and in such lots and on such terms as they may deem best; with full power and authority to sell my real estate and make title to the purchaser in fee simple or otherwise without any order or decree of Court. It is also my will and desire that my executors collect all debts due me that can be collected.

Out of the proceeds of the sale of said property and the collection of the debts aforesaid I desire my executors first to pay my first debts and funeral expenses and provide for the bequest mentioned in item 4 hereof. The balance of said proceeds I desire my executors to put at interest or invest in good interest-bearing securities, the investment of said fund being left to their discretion. The net income I desire them to pay over to my wife during her widowhood.

for her support, less so much thereof as may be required in educating my two Children Iris and Dewitt as hereinbefore provided, and in keeping up the insurance on my town property. Should such net income prove insufficient for these purposes, viz; the support of my wife the education of said two Children, and the keeping in force of said insurance, then my executors are at liberty to use so much of the principal or Corpus as may be necessary therefor, having due regard to the welfare of the three for whom this bequest is intended.

4. All my property remaining unsold or unexpended at the death or marriage of my wife Florence as hereinbefore provided, I Give, devise and bequeath in equal shares to my three Children Benloh Parish, Iris Porter and Dewitt Porter. But if either said Iris or Dewitt shall die without issue the interest of such deceased in said property remaining unsold or unexpended at the time of such decease shall be equally divided between the survivor and said Benloh. And if both the said Iris and the said Dewitt shall die without issue I Give, devise and bequeath the shares of both to said Benloh in fee simple. But nothing herein contained is intended to prevent the sale or expending by the said Dewitt and Iris of their respective interests in said property after they arrive at

much of the principal or Corpus as may be necessary therefor, having due regard to the welfare of the three for whom this bequest is intended.

8. All my property remaining unsold or unexpended at the death or marriage of my wife Florence as herein before provided, I give, devise and bequeath in equal shares to my three Children Benlok Parish, Iris Porter and Dewitt Porter. But if either said Iris or Dewitt shall die without issue the interest of such deceased in said property remaining unsold or unexpended at the time of such decease shall be equally divided between the survivor and said Benlok. And if both the said Iris and the said Dewitt shall die without issue I give, devise and bequeath the shares of both to said Benlok in fee simple. But nothing herein contained is intended to prevent the sale or expending by the said Dewitt and Iris of their respective interests in said property after they arrive at the age of twenty-one years. They shall have full power to use or sell their interest in said property, and only that portion remaining unsold or undisposed of by said Dewitt or Iris at their death without issue shall be disposed of as in this item provided.

Item 9. I have made large expenditures
for the support and education of my
two daughters Nellie V. Crawford and
Nirra B. Porter.

I have made no provisions herein
for either of them, and it is my
will and desire that neither of
them have any interest in
my property after my death.

The foregoing is signed, sealed,
published and declared by me
in the presence of witnesses
as my last will and testa-
ment on this the 20th day of
November, A.D. 1902.

R. L. Porter (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared
by R. L. Porter to be his last
will and testament in the
presence of the undersigned,
who, at his request, and in
his presence, and in the pres-
ence of each other, hereunto
sign our names as witnesses:

Frank J. Smith

H. L. Liles

J. W. Porter,

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

A paper purporting to be the last will

The foregoing is signed, sealed,
published and declared by me
in the presence of Witnesses
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ment on this the 20th day of
November, A.D. 1902.
R. L. Porter (Seal)

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by R. L. Porter to be his last
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who, at his request, and in
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ence of each other, hereunto
sign our names as Witnesses:

Frank J. Smith
H. L. Liler
J. W. Porter,

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will
and Testament of R. L. Porter, deceased,
is exhibited before me, the undersigned
Clerk of the Superior Court for said County,
by Jas. A. Porter, one of the executors therein
mentioned and the due execution thereof
by the said R. L. Porter, by the oath and
examination of Frank J. Smith, H. L. Liler

And J. W. Porter, The subscribing witnesses
thereto, who being duly sworn, do 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 R. L. Porter; That
the said R. L. Porter in the presence of this
deponent subscribed his name at the end
of said paper-writing, which is now shown
as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 20th
day of November 1902.

And this deponent further saith, that the said
R. L. Porter, the testator aforesaid, did at the
time of subscribing his name as aforesaid be-
fore the said paper-writing as subscribed
by him and exhibited to be his last Will
and Testament, and this deponent did there-
upon subscribe his name at the end of said
Will as an attesting witness thereto, and
at the request and in the presence of said
testator. And this deponent further saith
that at the same time when the said tes-
tator subscribed his name to the said last
Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the de-
ponent's subscribing his name as an
attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid,
the said R. L. Porter 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;

Severally sworn and
subscribed this 15th day
of May, 1911, before me.

(Frank V. Smith
H. L. Siler
J. W. Porter

as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 20th
day of November 1902
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fore the said Paper-Writer so subscribed
by him and exhibited to be his last Will
and Testament and this Deponent did there-
upon subscribe his name at the end of said
Will as an attesting witness thereto, and
at the request and in the presence of said
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tator subscribed his name to the said last
Will as aforesaid and at the time of the de-
ponent's subscribing his name as an
attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid,
the said R. L. Porter 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;

Severally sworn and
Subscribed this 15th day
of May, 1911, before me,
R. M. Ledford,
Clerk Superior Court,

(Frank V. Smith
J. L. Siler
J. W. Porter

North Carolina { In the Superior Court,
Macon County { ss.
It is therefore considered
and adjudged by the Court that the said

Paper-Writing and every part thereof,
is the last Will and Testament of
R. L. Porter, deceased. Let the said
Will, together with the probate, be
recorded and filed.

This 13th day of May, 1911.

R. M. Liddell

Clerk Superior Court,