

State of North Carolina } In Superior Court.
Montgomery County } before C. A. Armstrong, Clerk.

Will of
Jno W Rich
decd

In Re Estate of } Order for Probate of will
John W. Rich deceased }
A paper writing purporting to be the last-
Will and Testament of John W. Rich decd
is exhibited in open court for probate by
Miranda A. Rich, executrix therein named;
and the due execution thereof by the said John
W. Rich decd is duly proved by the oath and
examination of John L. Stewart and W. H.
Strickland subscribing witnesses thereto and
it is further shown to the satisfaction of
the court by said witnesses that the said
John W. Rich was, at the time of making said
will of sound mind and memory, of full age
to execute a will and under no restraint
to their knowledge information or belief.

It is thereupon considered, adjudged and
decreed, that said proof is sufficient and ac-
cording to law and that said paper writing
is and contains the last Will and Testament
of John W. Rich decd. And on motion it is
ordered that said Will be admitted to probate
and recorded in the Book of Wills of Montgomery
County and as such filed as provided by
law in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court
of said County.

It is further adjudged that said M. A.
Rich is a suitable person to act as executrix
and that she be allowed to qualify as ex-
ecutrix as provided by law and enter upon
the discharge of the duties imposed by said
trust. Dated this 11th day of November 1903.

Chas. A. Armstrong, Clerk Superior Court.
Miranda A. Rich having qualified as
Executrix as aforesaid. Let letters Testamentary
issue accordingly.

This 11th day of November 1903

Chas. A. Armstrong, C. S. C.

Will of
Jno W Rich
decd

State of North Carolina, } S.S. In the Superior Court.
Montgomery County. }
A paper writing purporting to be the last Will
and Testament of Jno. W. Rich deceased, is
exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of
the Superior Court for said County, by
Miranda A. Rich the executrix therein
mentioned, and the due execution thereof by
the said Jno. W. Rich by the oath and exam-
ination of Jno. L. Stewart and W. H. Strickland
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 purporting to be the last Will
and Testament of Jno. W. Rich, that the said
Jno. W. Rich in the presence of this deponent,
subscribed his name at the end of said
paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and
which bears date of the 16th day of October, 1903.

And the deponent further saith, That
the said Jno. W. Rich the testator afore-
said, did at the same 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 deponent further saith, that at the time
when the said testator subscribed his 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 Jno. W. Rich 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 that deponent doth say not.

Generally and subscribed this } John L. Stewart (seal)
11th day of Nov. 1903 before me } W. H. Strickland, (seal)
Chas. A. Armstrong,
Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina } In Superior Court.
Montgomery County } Before C. A. Armstrong, Clerk

Will of
Jno. N. Rich
decd

In Re Estate of } Order for Probate of will
John N. Rich deceased }
A paper writing purporting to be the last-
Will and Testament of John N. Rich decd
is exhibited in open court for probate by
Miranda A. Rich, Executrix therein named;
and the due execution thereof by the said John
N. Rich decd is duly proved by the oath and
examination of John L. Stewart and W. H.
Strickland subscribing witnesses thereto and
it is further shown to the satisfaction of
the court by said witnesses that the said
John N. Rich was, at the time of making said
will of sound mind and memory, of full age
to execute a will and under no restraint
to their knowledge information or belief.

It is therefore considered, adjudged and
decreed, that said proof is sufficient and ac-
cording to law and that said paper writing
is and contains the last Will and Testament
of John N. Rich decd. and on motion it is
ordered that said Will be admitted to probate
and recorded in the Book of Wills of Montgomery
County and as such filed as provided by
law in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court
of said County.

It is further adjudged, that said M. A.
Rich is a suitable person to act as executrix
and that she be allowed to qualify as ex-
ecutrix as provided by law and enter upon
the discharge of the duties imposed by said
trust. Dated this 11th day of November 1903.

Chas. A. Armstrong, Clerk Superior Court
Miranda A. Rich having qualified as
Executrix as aforesaid. Let letters Testamentary
issue accordingly.

This 11th day of November 1903

Chas. A. Armstrong, C. S. C.

Will of
Jno. N. Rich
decd

State of North Carolina, } S. S. In the Superior Court.
Montgomery County. }
A paper writing purporting to be the last Will
and Testament of Jno. N. Rich deceased, is
exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of
the Superior Court for said County, by
Miranda A. Rich the executrix therein
mentioned, and the due execution thereof by
the said Jno. N. Rich by the oath and exam-
ination of Jno. L. Stewart and W. H. Strickland
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 purporting to be the last Will
and Testament of Jno. N. Rich, that the said
Jno. N. Rich in the presence of this deponent,
subscribed his name at the end of said
paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and
which bears date of the 16th day of October, 1903.

And the deponent further saith, That
the said Jno. N. Rich the testator afore-
said, did at the same time of subscribing
his name as aforesaid, declare the said
paper writing so 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 deponent further saith, that at the time
when the said testator subscribed his 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 Jno. N. Rich 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 that deponent doth say not.

Personally sworn & subscribed this } John L. Stewart (seal)
11th day of Nov. 1903 before me } W. H. Strickland, (seal)
Chas. A. Armstrong,
Clerk Superior Court.

Will of
Jno N Rich
decd

State of North Carolina,
Montgomery County, In the Superior Court.
In the matter of the last will of John N. Rich, it appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of John L. Steward and W. H. Strickland the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Jno. N. Rich and that the same was duly executed by said Jno. N. Rich in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Jno. N. Rich 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 Jno. N. Rich and the Executor therein named qualify as such. This the 11th day of November 1903.

Chas. A. Ammon,

Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina, Montgomery County.
I, John N. Rich, of the aforesaid county and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament.
1st my executrix herein after named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of the first moneys which may come into her hands belonging to my estate.
2nd I give and devise to my beloved wife, Maranda A. Rich, the lot of land at Star on which I now reside and all the buildings and appurtenances thereto. Also a tract of land in Randolph County, N. C. bounded as follows as made to me by Henry C. Rich and wife Sarah M. Rich and George W. Rich Beginning at a stone and run North 14 chains and 50 links to a stone. Thence South 33 chains and fifty-nine links to a stone

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Thence East 15 chains and 35 links to a stone. N. E. Corner of Rutherford Creek Church. Thence South 4 chains and 50 links to a stone. Thence West 3 chains and 5 links to a stone. Thence South 64 chains and 7 links to a stake in the original line. Thence East 5 chains and 96 links to a stone or stake. Thence North $94^{\circ} 2' 10''$ chains and 55 links to a stone pile. Thence North 2 chains and 35 links to a natural stone pile. Thence East 5 chains and 24 links to a stone corner. Thence N. $6^{\circ} 2' 25''$ chains and 25 links to a pine. Thence North 32 chains and 14 links to a post oak. Thence N. $88^{\circ} 10'$ chains and 11 links to a white oak bush. Thence N. $5^{\circ} 2' 21''$ chains and 73 links to the beginning containing 16.3 acres more or less.

I give and bequeath the same to my wife, her heirs and assigns in fee simple the above named real estate.

I also bequeath all my personal property to her consisting of all my stock, cattle, hogs, farming utensils and household and kitchen furniture. I also bequeath all my moneys due me, consisting of a promissory note for timber by Vester Moore and Henry Bear for 200⁰⁰ on which payments to the amount of fifty dollars having been paid and all other claims due me.

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Maranda A. Rich my lawful executrix to all intents and purposes, 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 revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof, I the said John N. Rich do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 16th day of October, A.D. 1903.

J. N. Rich (Seal)
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John N. Rich to be his last

will and testament in the presence of us,
who at his request and in his presence, do
subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John L. Stuart,
Mr. H. Stickland,
B. S. Arendall,
J. B. Chamberger.

Will of
M. A. Rich

State of North Carolina, }
Montgomery County. } S.S. in the Superior Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last-
will and testament of M. A. Rich deceased, is
exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk
of the Superior Court for said County,
by J. B. Chamberger the executor therein
mentioned, and the due execution thereof by
the said Miranda A. Rich is proved by the
oath and examination of John L. Stuart and
W. B. Owen the subscribing witnesses thereto:
who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say
and each for himself depose and swear
that he is a subscribing witness to the
paper-writing shown purporting to be the
last will and testament of M. A. Rich
that the said M. A. Rich in the presence
of this deponent, subscribed her name at
the end of said paper writing now shown
as aforesaid, and which bears date of the
6th day of November 1904.

And the deponent further swears, that
the said M. A. Rich the testator 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 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 the said testator. And
this deponent further swears, that at the
said time when the testator 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
M. A. Rich 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