

acted and published and declared by the said James McDonald to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at request and in the presence of each other have at his request hereunto subscribed our names as witness there to.

Witness.

H. J. Scarbow,
J. E. Scarbow.

James McDonald
test

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Executors' for Application of Probate
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State of North Carolina }
Montgomery County } ss. In the Superior Court

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Strickland deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of said County by J. G. Strickland, at the instance and request of the beneficiary therein, and the due execution of the said John Strickland is proved by the oath and examination of J. G. Strickland one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown to the Court and asked to be probated and filed in the records of said Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of John Strickland, and the said John Strickland, in the presence of this deponent and in the presence of the other witnesses to said last will and testament Will. D. Innis, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown to the Court as aforesaid and which bears date of the 16th day of September 1886.

And the said deponent J. G. Strickland further saith that the said John Strickland 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 the deponent the said J. G. Strickland and the other witnesses to said will did each for himself therefore subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and at the direction of said testator. And this deponent the said J. G. Strickland further saith that at the said time when said testator subscribed his name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid and at the same time of said deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said John Strickland was of sound mind & memory of full age to execute to execute a will and was under no restraint to the knowledge of this deponent aforesaid and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information and belief of said deponent.

And said deponent J. G. Strickland further with that Neil McInnis, the other subscribing witness to said will, is now dead, and further said, this deponent saith that he saw said Neil McInnis sign his name as a subscribing witness to said will, that the deponent Allen Jordan being duly sworn, saith that Neil McInnis a subscribing witness to the last will and testament of Jno. Strickland dead is dead, that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of said McInnis, that he has seen his signature as a subscribing witness to said last will and testament and that he verily believes that his signature as a subscribing to said will is in the genuine handwriting of said Neil McInnis. And the deponent C. C. Wade being duly sworn, saith that he is acquainted with the handwriting of Neil McInnis dead a subscribing witness to the last will and testament of Jno. Strickland, deceased that he has seen his, this said Neil McInnis, signature as a subscribing witness to said will & that he verily believes that his signature thereto is in the genuine handwriting of said Neil McInnis.

J. G. Strickland (Seal)
Allen Jordan (Seal)
C. C. Wade (Seal)

Severally sworn &
subscribed before me
this 14th day January 1903
Chas. A. Armstrong
C.S.C.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Montgomery County }

Upon the foregoing application, affidavits & proof it is considered & adjudged by the Court that said paper writing here offered for probate and every part thereof is the last will & testament of the said Jno. Strickland dead, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed
this 15th day of January, 1903.

Chas. A. Armstrong C.S.C.

In the name of God amen.
I John Strickland, of the County of Montgomery & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory thanks be to God for the same, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die; therefore I recommend my soul into the hands of God who give it and as for my body I recommend to the ground to be buried in a decent Christianlike manner, nothing but I shall receive the same again, by the mercy of God, and as touching touching such worldly estate after all my just debts are paid I give and bequeath in manner and form to my beloved wife, Nancy W. Strickland all my real estate One Hundred acres of land and granted to Daniel Ludwell, entered February the 10th 1848. Also One Hundred acres granted at Lenoir, entered October 14th 1865, & also one other tract of 16 acres of land granted to Lewis Moore entered 25th of August 1849. Her to have & to hold and to dispose of in any way that may be required for her support or protection in any way that may be necessary for her during her natural life. In witness whereof this my last Will & Testament I in testamentary sphere of I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal.
This September 16th 1886. John Strickland (Seal)
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Witness J. G. Strickland
Neil McInnis