

I Matham M. Stone of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and Memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I do that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts known and to whom due owing out of I name that may first come due to his hands as a part or parcel of my estate I do give and bequeath to my Son Ruffin M. Stone all my estate of every description whosoever to him his heirs executors and administrators forever. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty Son R. M. Stone my lawful executor 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 I do certify when of I the said Matham M. Stone do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of March A.D. 1877.

J. M. Stone (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said J. M. Stone 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.

Richard Williams

Geo. B. H. Redding

State of North Carolina } in the Probate
Nash County

A Subm. purporting to be the last will and testament of J. M. Stone deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County in the presence of honor named and the said executor named by the said J. M. Stone by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing and last that he is a subscribing witness to the last will and testament of J. M. Stone but the said J. M. Stone in the presence of their deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as afore said and bears

date of the 14 day of March 1877 And the deponents further swear that the said J. M. Stone the testator afore said did at the time of subscribing his name as afore said declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did themselves subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator And these deponents further swear that at the said time when the said testator subscribed name to the said last will as afore said and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as afore said the said J. M. Stone 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 these deponents and further these deponents say not severally sworn and subscribed this 15th day of May 1877 before me

Wm. M. Lowry
Notary Public

Geo. B. H. Redding
Richard Williams

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