

H. E. Layman in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same, the said H. E. Layman was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing is admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said H. E. Layman and the Executrix therein named, qualify as such.

This 21 day of July 1883 S. C. Cook Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina,
Cash County }

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In the name of God Amen.
I Mary Ethridge of the county and State of said State of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence to make certain and publish this paper writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say.

- Item 1 It is my will and desire that my Executors herein by us named shall pay full my just debts if any out of the first recovery that shall come into his hands as parts of my estate.
- Item 2 I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Ida Ethridge 9/2 acres of land known as my home tract to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.
- Item 3 I give bequeath and devise to my son Emmitt Ethridge 9/2 acres of land known as the James L. Bennett land to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.
- Item 4 I give and bequeath to my daughter Ida Ethridge and my son Emmitt Ethridge all

of my other property of any description whatever to be equally divided between them. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend Peter Hedges my Executor to this my last will and testament to execute the same and every part thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 19th day of July A.D. 1888
Mary Ethridge
W. T. Griffin
C. L. Smith

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(Seal)

State of North Carolina } S. C. In the Superior Court,
Cash County

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A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Ethridge deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Peter Hedges the executor therein mentioned and the said executor thereof by the said Mary Ethridge is proved by the oath and examination of W. T. Griffin & C. L. Smith 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 now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Ethridge that the said Mary Ethridge 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 19 day of July 1888. The deponent further saith, that the said Mary Ethridge the testatrix aforesaid, did, at this time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited, to be her 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 said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an assisting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Mary Ethridge was of sound mind and memory, 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.

W. T. Griffin *Dea*
C. C. Smith *Dea*

Sworn and subscribed this 11th day of August, 1893 before me

L. E. Eme
Clerk of the Superior Court

State of North Carolina } In Superior Court.
Cash County

On the matter of the last will of Mary Ethridge. It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of W. T. Griffin and C. C. Smith the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing pronounced by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Mary Ethridge and that the same was duly executed by said Mary Ethridge in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Mary Ethridge was of sound mind. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Mary Ethridge and to the Executor therein named legal as such.

This the 11th day of August 1893

L. E. Eme
Clerk Superior Court

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I, Robt. D. Deans of the County of Cash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and in need of the assistance of life do make this my last will and testament. It is my desire that my body be given decent burial and all my just and honest debts be paid and then all this property both personal and real estate of which I may be seized at death be equally divided between my two Sisters Caroline Deans and Rozziah M. Deans. I hereby appoint my Sister Rozziah M. Deans & executrix to this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and private seal this 7th day March 1892.

Witness
E. L. Moore
J. H. Bridger

Robert D. Deans *Dea*

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Cash County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of R. D. Deans deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by Rozziah Deans the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said R. D. Deans is proved by the oath and examination of J. H. Bridger 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 now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of R. D. Deans that the said R. D. Deans 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 7th day of March, 1892. And the deponent further saith, that the said R. D. Deans