

B. F. Houston's Last Will & Testament

State of North Carolina }
Union County }

being admonished that my life may be suddenly ended I B. F. Houston do make ordain and publish this to be my last will and Testament as follows.

Item 1st I will that out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor my funeral expenses together with any just debts that I may owe be paid.

Item 2nd I devise to my beloved wife the house and lot where I now live together with all its furniture of every kind as now used by me and my family. I also devise to my beloved wife my Old Home place together with such tract as I may have added to it by purchase containing by recent survey about 420 acres, 180 acres of said tract I will to my beloved wife in lieu of her home place which we have sold, the remainder of said tract 240 acres & the House & lot where we now live together with the Horten lot on which is two Tenement Houses on North side of Hudson Alley Three houses & lots & 240 acres of Land I will my wife in lieu of dower in my real estate I also devise to my beloved wife my two horse waggon & the pair of mules kept on the Old Home place the Blacksmith,

I do make the intimation contained in & of the provisions contained in the said will of B. F. Houston on file in the office.

W. 16, 1925. O. R. Richardson

Clark Sup. Court

I do hereby certify that I bear this date made in
 Item three of this will by virtue of the provisions
 Item three of the original will of B. F. Houston
 Dated Nov. 16, 1925. O. J.

Item 3rd

Horlen lot on which is two Tenement Houses on North side
 of Hudson Alley Three houses & lots & 240 acres of Land
 I will my wife in lieu of dower in my real estate I also
 devise to my beloved wife my two horse waggon & the
 pair of mules kept on the Old home place the Blacksmith
 tools & one good milk Cow her choice of my stock
 I also devise to my beloved wife one years provision
 such as is allowed by law to be laid off by Ed. Strufield
 & W. H. Phifer

Item 4

I devise to my son H. C. Houston the west half of my
 sandy tract of land to be divided by a line commencing at
 a stone of Phansone Corner about two chains North of Hiram
 Broom's Gum corner to run due North to Washington Parker
 line on South side of Carolina Central Railway containing
 about two hundred acres ^{also the house and lot known as the O.P.}
^{the property lot on College Street adjoining Mrs. Wallstop and others.}

Item 5th

I devise to my daughter Mary E. Redfearn East half of
 my Sandy tract on each side of C. C. Railway to be divided
 by a line described in Item 3rd of this my will containing
 about 200 acres also my house & lot on Hayes Street
 known as the Graywick lot

I will to my daughter Florence Phifer my Cyrus Broom
 house & Lot my Whitley house & two lots between Houston
 Street & Hudson Alley my Horsten place containing 75 acres
 also my undivided interest in the Widow Laney Tract of

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lands in Beauford Township also Eight & half acres in Saubridge Township being a part of the Graywick Lands I also devise to Florence Phifer the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1300) to make her equal to Cyrus & Mary in the two foregoing items of this my will

Item 6th I devise that my Thirty five shares in the Capital stock of the Peoples Bank of Monroe be equally divided between my wife & Three Children share & share alike

Item 7th I devise that the residue of my estate consisting of Cash, and notes & mortgages, and other property not willed be sold and formed into an aggregate amount and after deducting the amounts devised, and the expenses of settlement that the remainder be divided into four equal shares one fourth to my beloved wife M. E. Houston one fourth to W. C. Houston, one fourth to Mary E. Redfearn, one fourth to Florence Phifer

Item 8th I do hereby constitute & and appoint my son W. C. Houston my Executor to Execute this my will according to the true intent & meaning of the same

Dec 8th

to W. H. Houston, one fourth to Mary C. Redfearn,
one fourth to Florence Phifer

I do hereby constitute & and appoint my son
W. C. Houston my Executor to Execute this my
will according to the true intent & meaning of the same

I have written this my last will and testa-
ment with my own hand and do hereby declare
this to be my will and have signed the same

This January 14th 1896

B. H. Houston L.S.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court.
Union County.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, pur-
porting to be the last will and Testament of B. H. Houston,
deceased, is exhibited for Probate in open Court by W. C.
Houston, the executor therein named; and it is there-
upon proved by the oath and examination of Randolph
Redfearn that the said will was found among the val-
uable papers and effects of the said B. H. Houston after his
death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination
of three competent and credible witnesses, to-wit: Randolph
Redfearn, W. H. Phifer and E. A. Truefield, that they are

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acquainted with the handwriting of the said B. F. Houston, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said B. F. Houston subscribed to the said will and the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said B. F. Houston. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper-writing is the last will and testament of the said B. F. Houston, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me, This the 12th
day of July A. D. 1897

J. H. Wolfe
Clerk, Superior Court
Union County, N. C.

R. Redfern
W. H. Phifer
E. A. Trufield