

David A. Covington's Will

State of North Carolina }
Union County }

I, David A. Covington, of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, and in good health; but recognizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being desirous of disposing of such property as God has blessed me with, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, each word and letter and figure being in my own hand-writing, that is to say:-

Item 1.

I will that my body shall be buried in such manner as shall be agreeable to the wishes of my family and friends, and in accordance with the rights and ceremonies of a Christian people who look to final resurrection.

Item 2.

I will that my executrix hereinafter named, pay all of my just debts out of the first monies which shall first come into her hands,

Item 3.

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I will that each and every of my children shall be given a thorough education, at the best schools & colleges in the country, and that no charge be made against them, or any of them, for such sum as shall be expended in this behalf. I will, bequeath and devise all of my property of every kind, nature and description, whether real, personal or mixed, to my beloved wife, Mary A. Covington, to have, hold, occupy, possess, use and enjoy, during the term of her natural life, or so long as she may remain my widow with power to use the same for her own comfort and support, and for the comfort, support, maintenance and education of my beloved children.

Item 5.

After the death of my wife, or upon her future marriage, I will that all my property be equally divided among my children - reserving, however, a sufficient sum to educate, in accordance with the 3rd Item of this my will, such as have not completed their education at the time of the death or marriage of my said wife.

Item 6.

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved

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wife, Mary A. Covington, sole Ex^{tr}, of this my last will and Testament - with the advice that in managing my estate she consult, in all important matters, some good business man and some member of the bar in whom she can repose confidence.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 26th day of February A. D. 1895.

David A. Covington 

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Union County } Before the Clerk

In the matter of the }
holograph will of } Probate of Will.
David A. Covington }
deceased }

Mary A. Covington having produced before this Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David A. Covington deceased.

Mary A. Covington having produced before this Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David A. Covington and propounded the same for probate, she being the person named therein as the executrix of the estate of the said decedent, and it appearing to the Court from proofs and examination reduced to writing and sworn to by R. A. Morrow, C. N. Simpson and C. H. Richardson, that the said paper writing and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said David A. Covington, deceased, and that he subscribed his name thereto, and it further appearing by proof and examination of M. E. Simmons, which examination has been reduced to writing that the said paper writing was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said decedent after his death.

It is thereupon adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing is in the handwriting of the said David A. Covington, deceased, and that it was found among his valuable papers and effects, and that

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the signature thereto subscribed is his own genuine signature and that the same is his, the said David A. Covington's last will and testament and that Mary A. Covington, his widow, is the person entitled to letters testamentary and as such has the right to qualify.
The said will is admitted to probate
December the 16th 1898

E. A. Armfield C. S. C.
Union County North Carolina