

# Last Will and Testament of J. J. Vann, dec.<sup>d</sup>

I, J. J. Vann, of the County of Elunion & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of the duration of my life, do make & declare my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following:

Item 1<sup>st</sup>

I will that all my debts be paid out of the moneys & effects belonging to my estate.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>

I will, bequeath & devise to my beloved wife Alice, absolutely & in fee simple, all my property of every description whatsoever, whether the same be real, personal or mixed property.

Lastly

I appoint as executor of this my holograph Will my esteemed & faithful friend, C. N. Simpson, & I desire him to collect, as far as he can, the debts due me & to pay the money to my wife instead of delivering over to her the debts themselves. All my other property he may deliver to her in kind, if my wife wishes. Witness my hand & seal, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1887.

J. J. Vann, *Seal*

State of North Carolina 2  
Elunion County. 3

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of J. J. Vann, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by C. N. Simpson, the executor therein named; and it is thereupon

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Union County. }

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of J. J. Vann, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by C. N. Simpson, the executor therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of James F. Payne, that the said Will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said J. J. Vann, after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to-wit: J. F. Moser, J. W. Bivens and A. M. Crowell, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said J. J. Vann, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said J. J. Vann, subscribed to the said Will, and the said Will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said J. J. Vann. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said J. J. Vann.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the Last Will and Testament of the said J. J. Vann, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And further, that Letters Testamentary be issued to C. N. Simpson, the Executor therein named, who thereupon takes the oaths required by law and Letters Testamentary are issued to him.  
This 2<sup>d</sup> day of April, 1894.

J. H. Wolfe, c. l. c.