Last Will and Testament of Mrs. Samantha Russell

State of North Carolina }
Mecklenburg County }

Know all men by these presents that I, Surmantha Russell of the County and State aforesaid being of Sound mind and memory but feeble in health knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows.

Item 1st I will that at my death my body receive a decent burial according to the wishes of my surviving friends

2nd " That my just debts if any, be paid by my Executor hereinafter named

3rd " That at my death my house and Lot in the town of Monroe, Union County be Sold by my Executor on such terms as he may think best.

4th I will that my daughter Minnie Russell be paid One hundred and fifty dollars from the proceeds of the sale of my property.

5th I will that my daughter Dora Russell be paid One hundred dollars from the proceeds of the sale of my property.

6th " I will to my daughters Minnie Russell and Dora Russell Each one pair New Blankets uncut four (4) Sheets Each One Counterpane Each and three quilts Each, their own choice also one Feather Bed each, Said beds being the ones in the room containing two Beds

7th " I will to my daughter Dora Russell My new Lace curtains

8th " I will to my daughter Cornelia Abernethy My old Rocking Chair and to be left by her at her death to my daughter Dora Russell provided

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9th I will that all my personal property not above specified be sold by my Executor together with my house and lot above named on such terms as he may think best.

10th I will that all moneys left in the hands of my Executor after above special Legacies and necessary Expenses are paid be Equally divided among my Seven children, Namely Dosa Bost Cornelia Abernethy Martha Ryder, Lou Helms J Robert Russell - provided that J Robert Russell be charged up against his part of said amount with One hundred and fifty dollars that he is now due me for rent of lands for two years.

11th I Hereby appoint and constitute my friend Lonie Helms of Monroe Union County as my Executor with full power to execute and carry out all the provisions of this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand and seal this the 3rd day of August, 1898

Susmantha Russell her X mark (LS)

Signed in our presence and in the presence of each other and at the request of the testator and in her presence we have affixed our names as witnesses to the above will.

J N Hood witness

T N Reid witness

State of North Carolina,
Union County. } ss In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Samantha Russell deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by Lonnie R. Helms the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Samantha Russell is proven by the oath and examination of J N Hood and J N Reid, the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, each for himself, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Samantha Russell; that the said Samantha Russell in his presence subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing and which bears date of the 3d day of August, 1898; that the said Samantha Russell did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing to be her Last Will and Testament, and that he 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 testatrix; that at the time the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time he subscribed his name as a witness thereto, the said Samantha Russell 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 the deponent. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper-writing and every part and clause thereof is the Last Will and Testament of Samantha Russell, deceased, and ordered that the same be recorded and that Letters Testamentary be issued to

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F A Woolfe, CSC