

Successive Will of Thos. C. Rowland dec'd.

State of North Carolina Probate Court.
Union County

In the matter of the
Successive Will of
Thomas C. Rowland dec'd.

I, G. W. Snow Clerk of the Superior Court and
Judge of Probate of the County of Union and State
of North Carolina do hereby certify that as Judge
of Probate have taken the proof and examinations
in writing of E. J. Winchester & Sophronia Rivers
who are credible witnesses touching the execution
of the Successive Will of Thomas C. Rowland
dec'd who declare upon their oaths that they were
specially required to bear witness to the execution
of the Will of Thomas C. Rowland dec'd by the said
Thomas C. Rowland himself and that the said suc-
cessive Will was made by the said Thomas C.
Rowland in his last sickness at the residence of
E. J. Winchester in the town of Monroe, County

executive Will was made by the said Thomas C. Rowland in his last sickness at the residence of E. D. Winchester in the town of Monroe, County of Union and State of North Carolina, where he had been previously resident for a considerable period of time, at least ten days previous to his death and which was his usual habitation.

And I do further certify that the said Thomas C. Rowland dec'd on the 2nd day of March A. D. 1877 and on the 26th day of February 1877 previous to his death he made his will which is hereinafter written in the presence of E. J. Winchester and Sophronia Bivens who are declared to be credible witnesses and who were present at the making thereof and were specially required to bear witness thereto by the testator himself that the declarations by them made were his last will & testament and I do further certify that the said nuncupative Will was made in the last sickness of Thomas C. Rowland at the residence of E. D. Winchester where he had been previously resident for more than ten days and I do hereby certify that the said Will was proved by the witnesses thereto

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 before six months from the making thereof
 and that the testator left an estate which in value
 exceeds Two hundred Dollars. And I do further
 certify that before the Probate of said Will a
 citation was issued and served upon Francis
 P. Rivers, Sophronia Rivers, Minnie Low-
 land, Alice Lowland, Malcom Griffin
 Marshal Griffin, P. A. Rivers, Nancy J. Edwards
 Cordelia W. Edwards, Thora A. Edwards and
 Margaret Maske, and that publication of said citation
 has been legally made for six weeks in the
 "Union Express" a news paper published in
 Monroe, Union County, North Carolina to call
 in W. C. Lowland and Bede Ashcraft residents
 of the State of Arkansas all of which are the
 next of kin of whom Minnie Lowland, Alice
 Lowland, Marshal Griffin, Malcom Griffin
 P. A. Rivers, Nancy J. Edwards, Cordelia W.
 Edwards, and Thora A. Edwards are minors who
 appeared by their Guardian ad litem.
 L. W. Griffin (they having no general or testa-
 mentary guardian in this State.) The said
 citation being served and published to call in the

Edwards and Thos. A. Edwards are minors who appeared by their Guardian ad litem.

J. W. Griffin (they having no general or testamentary guardian in this State.) The said citation being served and published to call in the next of kin (he having no widow) to contest said will if they thought proper, and I do further certify that they were represented before me by counsel.

And I do further certify, adjudge and declare that the declarations made by Thomas P. Rowland dec'd to E. J. Winchester and Sophronia Rivers the witnesses thereto under the circumstances above detailed and which are reduced to writing and annexed to the petition filed by Henry A. Rivers and E. J. Rivers asking a probate of the said paper writing are the last will and testament of Thomas P. Rowland dec'd, the substance of which is as follows:

It was the will and desire of Thomas P. Rowland that all of his just debts and funeral expenses should first be paid out of his estate and that his executor should provide suitable

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 grave Stones to be inscribed as they saw proper,
 that the same should first be paid for out of his
 estate. It was further his will that his brother
 W. E. Rowland now residing in the State of Arkan-
 sas, should have all of his good outside clothing
 and his new overcoat all of which he willed
 should be packed up in his new trunk and
 sent by Express to his brother W. E. Rowland in
 the State of Arkansas. He willed that his
 Masonic Chart should also be by express to
 his brother W. E. Rowland to whom he bequeathed
 the same. It was his desire that the Mason-
 ic Chart above named should be appropriately
 filled up and the same properly boxed up for
 shipment.

It was his desire and request that his brother
 W. E. Rowland should give his new trunk to
 Thomas Rowland son of W. E. Rowland his
 book "Bible Looking Glass" he willed and bequeath-
 ed to Thomas Rowland son of W. E. Rowland.
 The balance of all of his clothing he willed to
 his two sisters Francis C. Rivers & Johanna

book Bible looking glass he willed and bequeath-
ed to Thomas Cowland son of W. E. Cowland.
The balance of all of his clothing he willed to
his two sisters Francis P. Rivers & Sophronia
Rivers except one overcoat (Falm) which
he willed and bequeathed to Henry Rivers.
He gave and bequeathed his book "Religious
Denominations of the World" to J. Rivers
son of Egbert J. Rivers, the balance of all his
books he willed to be divided between his two
sisters Francis P. Rivers and Sophronia
Rivers, Sophronia Rivers to have the
first choice. He gave and bequeathed to his
sister Francis P. Rivers one leather trunk
and to his sister Sophronia Rivers he gave
one bedstead bed and bedding now in the
possession of his mother W. E. Cowland, and
to his sister Sophronia Rivers he also gave
one large looking glass now at the residence
of Mr. Dickson, Monroe, W. C. He gave
the sum of Five Dollars to Minnie and
Alice Cowland to be equally divided between
them. He gave Five Dollars to Malcome
and Marshal Griffin, children of his sister

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 Sarah Ann Griffin to be equally divided
 between them. He gave the sum of Five
 Dollars to P. A. Rivers, Nancy Jane Ed-
 wards Cordelia N. Edwards and Flora Alice
 Edwards Children of his sister M. C. Edwards
 to be equally divided between them.

He gave the sum of Five Dollars to his
 sister Bede Ashcraft in the State of Arkan-
 sas. He gave the sum of Five Dollars
 to his sister Margaret Maske, the balance
 of all his property he willed should be
 equally divided between his two sisters
 Francis P. and Sophronia Rivers

He willed lastly that Henry Rivers
 and Egbert Rivers should be the executors
 of his last will and testament.

It is therefore declared, adjudged and
 decreed that the said paper writing annexed
 to the petition aforesaid the contents
 whereof are hereinbefore set forth has been
 proven according to law as the last will
 and testament of Thomas C. Lawland

to the petition of said the contents
whereof are hereinbefore set forth has been
proven according to law as the test will
and testament of Thomas C. Rowland
decd., and is therefore admitted to probate.
It is further ordered that this certificate to-
gether with the will of Thomas C. Rowland
be enrolled and recorded.

This 25th day of August 1877.

G. W. Shaw, Probate Judge,
of Union County, N. C.

State of North Carolina }
Union County } 27th Augt. 1877.

The foregoing Paper writing was offered
for Probate in open Court by Henry and
Egbert Bivens the Executors therein named
and the due execution thereof was duly
proven by the oath E. J. Winchester and
Sophronia Bivens the subscribing witnesses
thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Probate
Court that the foregoing Paper writing

Noncupative Will of Thos. C. Rowland County
 and every part and clause thereof is the
 last will and testament of Thomas
 C. Rowland deceased and the same is or-
 dered to be recorded and filed.

And the said Henry and Egbert Rivers
 the Executors therein named was duly
 qualified as such by taking the oath as
 prescribed by law
 27th August 1877.

G. W. How P. J.

Last Will and Testament of John Norston.

I, John Norston of the County of Union and State
 of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory,
 but considering the uncertainty of my earthly
 existence, do make and declare this my last will
 and Testament, in manner and form following,
 that is to say:—

First, that my Executors herein named be