

Last Will & Testament of W C Ramsay, dec'd.

State of North Carolina }  
Union County. }

I W. C. Ramsay 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:

Item First It is my will and desire that my executors hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing, out of my moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item Second I give and devise to my beloved wife Fannie A Ramsay, for and during the term of her natural life the lot of land whereon I now live and upon which is situate my family residence, lying and being in the town of Monroe, Union County, North Carolina, adjoining the lot of Mrs C. A. Payne, the lot formerly known as the A R Bradeen lot and others & Bounded as follows, Beginning at a stone in the westerly line of Washington Street, A R Bradeen's corner, and runs his line S 86 N. 200 feet to a stone in a line of Crawford Street said Bradeen's other corner, thence with a line of said Street S. 4 E. 90 feet to a stone in said line, Caroline Amelia Payne's corner, thence with her line N. 86 E. 200 feet to a stone in a line of Washington Street, said Payne's other



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Item Third After the death of my beloved wife, I give and devise to my



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 Children, Mabel Ramsay, Elise Ramsay, Anna Claire Ramsay & Alda  
 Constance Ramsay the said lot of land situate on Washington Street  
 in the town of Monroe, N.C. whereon I now reside, the boundaries  
 whereof are set forth in the second item of this my will to have  
 and to hold the same together with all the privileges and appurtenances  
 thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto my said  
 children, Mabel, Elise, Anna Claire and Alda Constance Ramsay,  
 their heirs and assigns in fee simple forever. This devise is hereby  
 declared to be subject to the life estate of my said wife Fannie  
 A. Ramsay.

Item fourth I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Fannie A Ramsay  
 the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars of the insurance  
 on my life in the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and the further  
 sum of Nine hundred dollars of the insurance on my life in  
 the Insurance Society, or Association known as the Royal Arcanum,

Item fifth I give and bequeath to my daughter Netta M. Fletcher, the sum  
 of five hundred & twenty five dollars of the insurance on my  
 life in the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and the further sum  
 of three hundred dollars of the insurance on my life in the Association  
 known as the Royal Arcanum.

Item Sixth I give and bequeath unto H H Fitzgerald in trust for my daughter  
 Della M. Stack the sum of Five hundred & twenty five dollars of the  
 insurance on my life in the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and



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Item Sixth I give and bequeath unto W H Fitzgerald in trust for my daughter Della M. Stack the sum of Five hundred & twenty five dollars of the insurance on my life in the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and the further sum of three hundred dollars of the insurance on my life in the Association aforesaid, known as the Royal Arcanum, to be by the said W H Fitzgerald as trustee aforesaid paid out to my said daughter from time to time as her needs may require.

Item Seventh I give and bequeath to my son W B Ramsay my medical library and surgical instruments.

Item Eighth I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Fannie A. Ramsay, all my household, parlor and kitchen furniture of every kind whatsoever (including all musical instruments) and my Gold watch and chain.

Item Ninth All the residue of my estate together with such collections as may be made upon debts due me. I hereby give & bequeath to my children Netta M. Fletcher, Della M. Stack, Mabel Ramsay, Elise Ramsay, Anna Claire Ramsay and Alda Constance Ramsay to be equally divided between them. And I hereby will and direct that the shares of my children Mabel, Elise, Anna Claire and Alda Constance Ramsay in the fund, be paid over to my beloved wife Fannie A. Ramsay, to be by her used in the education, maintenance and support as their needs may from time to time require, and it is my will that in the execution of this provision to my said



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will no bond be required of my said wife.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved  
wife Fannie A. Ramsay and my trusty friend W H Fitzgerald  
my lawful executors to all intents and purposes, to execute  
this my last will and testament according to the true  
intent & meaning of the same, and by every part and  
clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void  
all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said W C Ramsay do hereunto set my  
hand and seal, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 1886.

W C Ramsay (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by  
the said W C Ramsay to be his last will & testament  
in the presence of us, who at his request and in his  
presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

S B Williamson

M. E. McCauley.

State of North Carolina, }  
Union County. }

Whereas I W C Ramsay of the County and State aforesaid  
have heretofore made and executed my last will and



State of North Carolina, }  
Union County, }

Whereas I W. G. Ramsay of the County and State aforesaid have heretofore made and executed my last will and testament bearing date on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1886, and whereas owing to changes in my circumstances, conditions and relations ~~in~~ life, it is deemed meet and expedient that the said will as heretofore by me made, should be changed or amended as herein specified & declared - Now therefore I the said W. G. Ramsay do make and declare as a codicil to my said Will as follows -

- 1 The bequest as made in the seventh item of my said Will is revoked, and in lieu thereof, I give and bequeath unto my son W. B. Ramsay my gold watch and chain heretofore bequeathed unto my beloved wife - and in order to effect and carry out this my will and desire, the bequest of said watch to my said wife is hereby recalled and revoked.
- 2 It is my will, and I do hereby direct that my said executors heretofore appointed shall sell at public or private sale as them may appear best, all my office furniture, and appurtenances of every kind also my medical library and surgical instruments. And it is my will and desire and I do so declare and direct, that the monies arising from the sale thereof shall constitute in the hands of my beloved wife a fund to be by said wife used and employed in the support, education & maintenance of my children Mabel, Elise, Anna Claire & Aldo Constance Ramsay.



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 And it is further my will and desire that my said wife be re-  
 quired to give no bond in the execution or discharge of this trust.  
 In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> Feby. 1888

W C Ramsay (Seal)

Signed, sealed & published and declared by the said  
 W. C. Ramsay to be a Codicil to his last will and testament in the  
 presence of us, who at his request and in his presence, do subscribe  
 our names as witnesses thereto.

S. R. Williamson  
 M. E. McCauley

State of North Carolina,  
 Union County.

I, W C Ramsay, the person, who executed the foregoing will, dated 25<sup>th</sup> day  
 of December 1886 and witnessed by S. R. Williamson and M. E. McCauley,  
 to which a codicil dated on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1888 and witnessed  
 by the same persons, is added, do make, declare and publish this as a  
 second codicil to my said will, that is to say:

Whereas during the year 1890, I paid to my daughter Della Stack  
 One hundred dollars in cash, and I desire that my wife, Fannie, and  
 my daughter Netta M. Fletcher, shall not be placed to disadvantage  
 thereby in the distribution of my property. I therefore will and be-



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Whereas during the year 1890, I paid to my daughter Della Slack One hundred dollars in cash, and I desire that my wife, Fannie, and my daughter Netta M. Fletcher, shall not be placed to disadvantage thereby in the distribution of my property: I therefore will and bequeath to my daughter, Netta M. Fletcher one share of stock in the Monroe Cotton Mills, which shall be paid up by my executor, if it is not paid by me during my life time and I further bequeath and will to my wife One hundred dollars in cash and one share of stock in the Monroe High School.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and seal 22 July 1891.

W C Ramsay *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said W. C. Ramsay in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses to this second codicil to his will -

S R Williamson

C H Bruner

State of North Carolina }  
Elmion County }

I, W C Ramsay, the person who executed the foregoing will and testament bearing date the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1886 and witnessed by S R Wil-



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 Williamson and M E McCauley to which are added two codicils, the one bearing  
 date, 24<sup>th</sup> February 1888 and witnessed by the same persons and the other  
 executed by me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1891 in the presence of S. R. Williamson  
 and C. H. Bruner, who attested the same as witnesses, do make, declare  
 and publish this as a third codicil to my said last will and testament,  
 desiring it to be carried into effect, rather than any provision here-  
 inbefore made, with which it may conflict; that is to say:

- 1 I give, bequeath and devise unto my wife Fannie A. Ramsay, in  
 trust, for the education of my daughters, Mabel Ramsay, Elise  
 Ramsay, Anna Claire Ramsay and Alda Constance Ramsay,  
 all of the money or cash I may have on hand at the time of my  
 death and all money which may be collected or realized from  
 my accounts, notes or other evidences of debt and also a tract of  
 land conveyed to me by E. L. Smith and wife by deed dated 21<sup>st</sup>  
 day of January 1887 and containing about One hundred and  
 Twenty three acres, which deed is registered in the office of the  
 Register of Deeds in Union County, North Carolina in Book No.  
 20 of Deeds, pages 222 etc. If the said land shall be needed  
 for the purposes of educating my said daughters, after the money  
 and collections herein bequeathed shall have been used for that  
 purpose, then my wife shall sell and convey the same so as to  
 realize the largest sum therefor and the amount so realized  
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If the said land shall not be needed for the purposes herein declared, it shall be equally divided among my daughters named in this item; and in the event, any of the money or land or proceeds of land herein devised and bequeathed, shall not be needed for the education of my children, Mabel, Elise, Anna Claire and Alda Constance Ramsay, then such money, land or proceeds of land or residue thereof shall be equally divided between my daughters herein named.

In witness whereof I do hereto set my hand and seal, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1892.

W C Ramsay Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said W C Ramsay as a codicil to his will, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, subscribe our names hereto as witnesses to this third codicil of his will

C H Bruner

H B Adams

State of North Carolina,

Union County.

} ss. In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of W C Ramsay

Testament  
P R Will



Last Will and Testament of W C Ramsay, dec<sup>d</sup> continued.  
 deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said  
 County, by Fannie A Ramsay the executrix therein mentioned, and the due  
 execution thereof by the said W C Ramsay is proven by the oath and  
 examination of M. E. McCauley one of the subscribing witnesses thereto;  
 who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, for himself, that he is a  
 subscribing witness to the paper-writings now shown him, purporting  
 to be the last will and testament of W C Ramsay and a codicil thereto;  
 that the said W C Ramsay, in the presence of this deponent, and S. R.  
 Williamson the other subscribing witness, subscribed his name at the  
 end of said paper-writings which are now shown as aforesaid, and which  
 bear date of the 25 day of December, 1886 and February 24<sup>th</sup> 1888.  
 And the deponent further saith, that the said W C Ramsay the testa-  
 tor aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid,  
 declare the said paper-writings so subscribed and exhibited, to be  
 his Last Will and Testament, and the codicil thereto and this de-  
 ponent and S R Williamson did thereupon subscribe their names  
 at the end of said Will as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request  
 and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith,  
 that at the said times when the said testator subscribed his name to the  
 said last Will and codicil as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's  
 & S R Williamson subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto,  
 as aforesaid, the said W C Ramsay was of sound mind and memory,  
 of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the



that at the said times when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will and codicil as aforesaid, and at the time of deponents & S R Williamson subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said W C Ramsay 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 this deponent: and further this deponent says that said S R Williamson & W C Ramsay are dead but deponent knows the hand-writing of the said Williamson and the said W C Ramsay, that said Williamson's signature as a witness to said will and to two of said codicils is in his own proper and genuine hand-writing and that the signature of said Ramsay to said Will and to the three foregoing codicils thereto is in his own proper and genuine hand-writing

Severally sworn and subscribed  
This 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1892  
F H Wolfe, C.C.

W E McCauley (Seal)

State of North Carolina,

Union County.

} ss. In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be a codicil to the Last Will and Testament of W. C. Ramsay deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by Fannie A. Ramsay the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said W C Ramsay dec<sup>d</sup> is proven by the oath and examination of C W Brunet one of the subscribing witnesses



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thereto; who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, for himself, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be a codicil to the last will and testament of W C Ramsay; that the said W C Ramsay, in the presence of this deponent and S R Williamson the other subscribing witness subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 22<sup>d</sup> day of July, 1891. And the deponent further saith, that the said W C Ramsay the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be a codicil to his Last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Codicil to said Will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said codicil to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said W C Ramsay 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 this deponent: And further this deponent says that said S R Williamson and W C Ramsay are both dead, but deponent knows the hand-writing of the said W C Ramsay and that the signature of said Ramsay to said Will and to the three foregoing codicils thereto is in his own proper and genuine hand-writing.



both dead, but deponent knows the hand-writing of the said H. C. Ramsay and that the signature of said Ramsay to said Will and to the three foregoing codicils thereto is in his own proper and genuine hand-writing. Severally sworn and subscribed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1892, before me.

O H Bruner, (Seal)  
F H Wolfe, assc.

State of North Carolina,  
Union County.

ss In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be a codicil to the Last Will and Testament of H C Ramsay deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by Fannie A. Ramsay the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said H C Ramsay is proven by the oath and examination of O H Bruner and H B Adams the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be a codicil to the last will and testament of H C Ramsay; that the said H C Ramsay, in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1892.

And the deponent further saith, That the said H C Ramsay the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as afore-



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when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Codicil to said  
Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his  
name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said W C Ramsay  
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  
this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Severally sworn and subscribed this } H B Adams (Seal)  
14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1892, before me. } C H Bruner (Seal)  
F H Wolfe, C.S.C.

Upon the foregoing proofs it is adjudged that the foregoing is the  
Last Will and Testament of W C Ramsay, deceased and the three  
codicils thereto; and ordered that Letters Testamentary be issued  
to Fannie A. Ramsay, the Executrix therein named (the other Executor  
named, W H Fitzgerald having renounced in favor of the said Fannie  
A. Ramsay, his right to qualify as Executor) which is done upon  
her taking the oaths required by law. November 14<sup>th</sup> 1892.

F. H. Wolfe, C.S.C.