

Last Will and Testament of William W. Houston, Deceased

State of North Carolina,
Union County.

Being admonished that my life is drawing near to an end, I William W. Houston do make ordain and publish this to be my last Will and Testament, as follows

Item 1st, I will that out of the first moneys that may come into the hands of my Executor my funeral expenses together with any just debt that I may owe be paid

Item 2nd, I devise to my Father James Houston my two horse wagow and harness my blacksmith tools Cutting knife set of double harness, riding saddle farming tools of every description

Item 3rd, I devise to my Brother Henry C. Houston my black mare Florence my Grey or Oregon mare also my one half interest in the Grey Jack Whar, together with my interest in all fees due for services of said Jack since August 23rd 1893. (the other half interest belongs to

Last Will and Testament of W. W. Houston, dead, continued

Dr. J. J. Kell of Mecklenburg County N. Carolina) my Gold filled watch which he has had in his possession for some time. Also my interest in the crop of corn raised on the W. W. Walkup tract of land

Item 4th. I devise to my two sisters namely Mary J. Houston and Minnie A. Houston the remainder of my personal property consisting of notes and accounts and accounts and money on hands after deducting all expenses then the balance to be equally divided between them share and share alike

Item 5th. I hereby appoint B. F. Houston Executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby declare that all former wills by me made of no force or effect

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal, this November 24 day 1894

W. W. Houston (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the said William W. Houston, his last will and testament in the

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said William
W. Houston to be his last will and testament, in the
presence of us and each of us, who at his request,
and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses
there to.

W. H. Belk

J. M. Belk

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

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testa-
ment of W. W. Houston, deceased, is exhibited before me, the
undersigned, clerk of court for said county, by B. F.
Houston, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution
thereof by the said W. W. Houston is proved before me,
~~the undersigned, clerk of court for said county, by~~
the oath and examination of W. H. Belk and J. M. Belk,
the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, do
depone 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 W. W. Houston;

Last Will and Testament of W. W. Houston, Decd. continued

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that the said W. W. Houston in his presence subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing and which bears date of the 24th day of November 1894; that the said W. W. Houston did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be his 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 testator, that at the time the said testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time he subscribed his name as a witness thereto, the said W. W. Houston 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 W. W. Houston, deceased, and ordered that the same be recorded and that Letters Testamentary be issued to B. J. Houston, the Executor therein named, who thereupon takes the oath required by law and Letters Testamentary are issued to him.

This 13th day of February 1896

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I hereby constitute and appoint my dear
beloved son-in-law J. D. A. Secrest my executor
of this my last will Given under my hand
sent this 15th day of July 1891
Signed in presence of us
James M. Price
W. A. B. Secrest

J. Wentz Seal

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

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament
of Jeremiah Wentz, deceased, is exhibited before me,
the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by
J. D. A. Secrest, the executor therein mentioned, and the
due execution thereof by the said Jeremiah Wentz is proven
before me by the oath and examination of James M. Price
& W. A. B. Secrest 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 Jeremiah Wentz; that the said Jeremiah
Wentz in his presence subscribed his name at the end of
said paper writing and which bears date of the 15th