

North Carolina,
Washington County, }

I, Edward F. Blount, of the aforesaid County, and State being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament:

First My Executor hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second- I give and devise to my beloved wife Anne Thousand Dollars in money, also a maintenance out of the farm on which I now reside during her natural life, and the E. part of my dwelling house, to live in during her life, or so long as she may desire; also a maintenance out of the mill property at Poplar.

Third- I give and devise to my son James E. Blount and his heirs, in fee simple, all that tract of land on which I now reside together with all of my stock of every description, household and kitchen furniture, (except what my wife may use during her life time), also all the rest and residue of my chattel property now on, or about my farm aforesaid.

Fourth- I give and devise to my son Thomas W. Blount and his wife Ida Blount all of the lands named and described in a certain deed from Thomas W. Blount and wife Ida, to me dated March 19th, 1894, and recorded in Book No. 36, on Page 44, Washington County Registers Office for and during their natural lives, unless the said Thomas W. Blount should die leaving a lawful heir, in that event this devise shall be in fee simple, but should the said Thos. W. Blount and wife die leaving no natural heir, then the property named in this Will shall go to James E. Blount's children, in fee simple.

Fifth- I give and bequeath to Philip C. Blount \$400⁰⁰, Silas C. Blount \$600⁰⁰ and

to Edward S. Blount \$500⁰⁰, these being the children of James E. Blount and wife Lelandia, for the purpose of educating said children which money is to be put in the hands of my executors and used for that purpose and none other.

Sixth- I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sally W. Blount and my son James E. Blount my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and 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 Edward F. Blount do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 9th day of April 1900.

E. F. Blount, Seal

Witness:

W. W. Alexander

H. W. Ritchfield,

State of North Carolina,
Washington County, }^{ss} In the Superior Court,
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of E. F. Blount deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by James E. Blount, the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said E. F. Blount by the oath and examination of H. W. Ritchfield, one of the subscribing witnesses thereof, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing, now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of E. F. Blount; that the said E. F. Blount, in the presence of this deposee subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown, as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 9th day of April 1900.

And this deposee further saith, that the said E. F. Blount, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing as

subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this deponent 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 said testator, and this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said E. F. Blount 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 not.

H. A. Litchfield,

Sworn and subscribed,
This 25th day of July, 1910,
before me,

C. W. Tinslow

Clark Superior Court,

State of North Carolina,

Washington County. In the Superior Court,
A paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of E. F. Blount, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by James C. Blount the executor therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of H. A. Litchfield and F. R. Johnston that H. A. Alexander, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, is dead, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said H. A. Litchfield and F. R. Johnston that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said W. A. Alexander, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said W. A. Alexander subscribed as a witness to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said W. A. Alexander.

It is therefore concluded by the Court, that the said paper-writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and Testament of the said E. F. Blount and the same is ordered to be

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recorded and filed, *

H. A. Litchfield

F. R. Johnston,

* This 25th day of July, 1910.

C. W. Tinslow, C. C.

Personally appeared James C. Blount, who tests and subscribed to the oath prescribed by law for the qualification of Executors, and Letters Testamentary, were this day issued to him,

This 25th day of July, 1910.

C. W. Tinslow,

Clark Superior Court,

I, John R. Hopkins of Washington County, State of N. C., being of sound mind, memory & understanding, praise be God for the same, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following-

I give devise & bequeath unto my beloved wife Narcissa E. Hopkins forever all my property Real, Personal & mixed, of what nature or kind soever & wheresoever the same may be at the time of my death.

And I do nominate, constitute & appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking & making void all and every other will or wills at any time heretofore made by me & do declare this to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof, I the said John R. Hopkins have hereunto set my hand & seal, this 18th day of June, 1910.

J. R. Hopkins, (Seal)

Signed, declared & published by the above named John R. Hopkins as and for his last will & testament in the presence of us, who at his request & in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

S. M. Hoodley,
H. P. Lucas.

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