

North Carolina
Washington County

I Mary B. Browne of the aforesaid State and County being of sound mind & memory but in 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 and simple burial and pay all my ^{funeral} expenses together with all my just debts out of the first money that may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my niece Mary Johnston Pettigrew all my jewelry and silver except a stone cameo set of jewelry which with an ambulette of their father I give to my step daughters Mrs M. Josephine Nichol & Mrs Willie A. Stokes.

Item all my lands, notes, books, pictures and all the other property of every kind, except what is disposed of as aforesaid I give, devise and bequeath to my sister Mrs. J. Caroline Pettigrew during her life and at her death to my nephew Charles Lewis Pettigrew and his heirs and to those of my nieces the children of the said J. Caroline Pettigrew who are unmarried at her death jointly as long as the said nieces remain unmarried and upon the marriage or death of any of said nieces the share of such nieces shall go over jointly to the remaining devisees designated in this item, remainder to the said Charles Lewis Pettigrew and to his heirs forever.

Item I give to my brother Ned. William B. Pettigrew an ample support during his life if he should need it at his death a suitable burial, his remains to be placed in the cemetery at Bonaire according to his express wish if it be possible. I desire this item to be a charge upon the income of my estate I hereby constitute my nephew Charles Lewis Pettigrew my lawful executor, to all intents & purposes, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof, hereby repeating and declaring void all other wills and testaments heretofore made.

Mary B. Browne

Feb 15 1887

Signed, published and declared by said Mary B. Browne to be her last will & testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

L. A. Woodson
Ch. H. Ward M.D.

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Washington County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary B. Browne deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Superior Court for said County by L. A. Pettigrew the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary B. Browne by the oath and examination of L. A. Woodson and Ch. H. Ward the subscribing witnesses thereto who, being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself 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 Mary B. Browne that the said Mary B. Browne in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which was shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 15 day of February 1887.

And the Deponent further saith that the said Mary B. Browne the testator aforesaid, died at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her 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 the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said Mary B. Browne 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.

L. A. Woodson
Ch. H. Ward

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Severally Sworn and subscribed
this 20th day of April 1887 before me
Thos J. Marriner
Clerk Superior Court