

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Frederick Spruill deceased is exhibited for probate by E. N. Spruill, of the legal heirs herein named; who is thereupon sworn by the oath and examination of Richard Tarkenton that C. J. Lewis & James Tarkenton the subscribing witnesses thereof are dead and and it is further proven by the oath and examination of the said Richard Tarkenton that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of C. J. Lewis and James Tarkenton having often seen them write, and that the names of the said C. J. Lewis and James Tarkenton subscribed as witnesses to the said will is in the hand writing of the said C. J. Lewis & James Tarkenton; It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Frederick Spruill and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

(signed) R. Tarkenton

Sworn and Subscribed
to before me Nov-16th 1885

Thos. J. Wanner
Clerk of Court

North Carolinas
Washington County

I William Hall of the County of Washington and State of North Carolinas, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but in view of the uncertainty of life, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in words and figures as follows. That is to say,

Item first I desire that my executor hereinafter named shall pay all just and legal debts that I may owe at my death.

Item second I will, devise and bequeath to my son William Henry Hall, the following real and personal property, to wit three tracts of land in said County and State known respectively as the Hindley Place, the Bulcher Place and the Davis tract of land, which are fully described in deeds made to me and duly recorded in said County, and reference is hereby made to said deeds for a full description thereof, to have and to hold to my said son William Henry Hall for and during the term of his natural life and then to his legal heirs. I do also bequeath to my said son, one mule named Jack, and all my farming utensils of ever description.

Item third I will and devise to my daughter, Emma Bell Hall, four lots in the Town of Plymouth, known in the plat of said Town as lots numbered 17, 18, 42 & 43. Also all my right title and interest in a lot in said Town of Plymouth, on water street, and where J. D. Norman and E. H. Carter are now engaged in mercantile business, to have and to hold all of said lots, together with the buildings and improvements thereunto belonging, to her and her heirs in fee simple.

Item fourth I will and bequeath to my daughter Emma Bell Hall one bed and my best bedstead.

Item fifth I will and bequeath to my daughter Almina Hall and my son William Henry Hall, equally, my household and kitchen furniture except the bed and bedstead mentioned in item fourth of my will.

Item sixth I will and bequeath to my wife Deborah C. Hall, two cows and calves to be selected by her from my stock of cattle.

Item Seventh

My will and desire is and I do bequeath that the Six thousand Dollars insurance on my life shall be equally divided among my children, except the one thousand dollar policy I have in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford Connecticut, and out of this policy I desire my executor to pay my wife the sum of Three hundred Dollars and the balance to my children equally. I also will and bequeath that all money and effects and choses in action that may be due my estate except as hereinbefore directed, shall be equally divided among my children.

Item Eight

If either of my children Alexina William Henry or Emma Bell Hall should die before arriving at the age of twenty one years, then I will and bequeath to the survivors or survivors of them, all money and property that may belong to such as may die before arriving at said age of twenty one years.

Item Ninth

If my wife Deborah C. Hall should have a child born before my death or within nine months thereafter then I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife testamentary guardian of such child and give her full and complete authority to receive and use as she may deem best, any and all money that may be due such child under this my will, without giving any bond or security therefor whatsoever and without being required to account therefor to any person, and have the same should said child die.

Item Tenth

I hereby constitute and appoint W. J. Freeman testamentary guardian for my son William Henry Hall and hereby invest said Freeman with full and complete authority to receive any and all money and personal property belonging to my said son and use the same for his, my sons interest without being required to give bond or any other security whatsoever therefor. And I hereby request that my son William Henry Hall shall live with his said guardian until his majority and I hereby give said Freeman full authority to control the person of my said son.

Item Eleventh

I hereby constitute and appoint W. J. Freeman testamentary guardian for my daughter Alexina Hall and give him full authority to receive and control her property till she arrives at the age of twenty one years, without being required to give any bond or security.

Item Twelfth, I hereby constitute and appoint J. F. Norman testamentary guardian for my daughter Emma Bell Hall and give him full authority to receive manage and control

the property till she arrives at the age of twenty one years, without giving any bond or security.

Item Thirteenth

I hereby constitute and appoint W. J. Freeman my true and lawful executor to execute this my last will and Testament, in pursuance whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 10th day of June 1887.

William Hall (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Hall to be 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, this the 10th day of June 1887.

J. O. Gaylord
C. V. Thoburn

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Washington County }
A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of William Hall, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk Superior Court for said County by W. J. Freeman the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said William Hall by the oath and examination of J. O. Gaylord & C. V. Thoburn the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of William Hall that the said William Hall, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 10th day of June 1887, and the deponent further saith, that the said William Hall 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 his last Will and Testament, and the 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 his name 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 William Hall was of sound mind and memory, of full age, to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to his knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further this deponent

say not

Severally sworn and
subscribed this 13th
December 1888 before me
Thos J. Mearns
Clerk Superior Court

A. O. Gaylord
C. V. W. Austin

Seal
Seal

Washington County Superior Court } Before
Deborah C. Hall widow of } Thos J. Mearns
William Hall deceased } Clerk Superior Court
Do
The Court

The undersigned widow of William Hall deceased
hereby disavows from the will and Testament of
her late husband William Hall, which has been
probated and recorded in this office and hereby
declines to take anything given her in said
will and Testament, and demands whatever is
given her as widow by the law of North
Carolina. Witness my hand.

This the 14th day of December 1888

Deborah C. ^{her} Hall
Mark

Witness

A. O. Gaylord

I James I. Brophy of the County of Washington State
of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do
declare this to be my last will and Testament:
1st I give and bequeath to my wife Isadora A. Brophy,
all of my household and kitchen furniture and effects
also my horse cattle and dogs and all chattel prop-
erty of every description.

2nd I give and devise to my wife aforesaid the
house and land known as the old County place where
I now live with all the appurtenances thereto belong-
ing to have and to hold unto her the said Isadora A. Brophy
her heirs and assigns forever.

3rd I appoint my wife Isadora my executrix of this
my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I,
James I. Brophy have hereunto set my hand and
Seal, this 22nd day of February A.D. 1889

Witness

Th. S. Ambrose

D. H. Johnson

James I. Brophy Seal
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North Carolina Washington County
In Superior Court Before the Clerk.

The Annexed paper writing
purporting to be the last will and Testament of
James I. Brophy deceased is exhibited before me by
Isadora A. Brophy, the executrix named therein,
and the due execution thereof by the said James I.
Brophy is proved to the satisfaction and examination of
Th. S. Ambrose and D. H. Johnson the subscribing witnesses;
who being duly sworn doth say each for himself that
he is a subscribing witness to the annexed paper writing
purporting to be the last will and Testament of James
I. Brophy deceased; that the said James I. Brophy
in the presence of the deponent subscribed his name
at the end of said paper writing bearing date February
22nd 1889; and each for himself doth further depose
and say, that the said James I. Brophy did at the time of
subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said
paper writing so signed by him to be his last will and
Testament, and that this deponent did therefore subse-
cribe his name at the end of said will as a
subscribing witness thereto at the request of and
in the presence of said testator; and each further
doth say that at the said time aforesaid