

I give and bequeath to my sister May E. Dillow, all the interest in lands I inherited from estate of my father, James B. Melson to be sold to pay off the mortgage on my home, known as the James B. Melson home, which I inherited from my mother, Ann B. Melson. I give my home, known as James A. Melson home, to my sister, May E. Dillow, to be held in trust for benefit of my brother, H. H. Melson, to provide for him during his life, and after his death, to May E. Dillow in fee simple. If there is any balance left from the unsold lands which we hold in common after paying off the mortgage on my home which I leave in trust to her for benefit of H. H. Melson, I give to my sister May E. Dillow. The five hundred acres of swamp land that I bought from J. J. Rea, I leave in trust to May E. Dillow, from which to give to my aunt, Johanna Bogart, one thousand (\$1000) dollars, to Maggie H. Cobb, two hundred & fifty (\$250) dollars, to Charlotte Hallow, two hundred (\$200) dollars, to Sarah Ann Nichols, fifty (\$50.00) dollars, to Mr. J. M. McKinnis two hundred dollars (\$200), to Blance Barden Hassell Twenty Five (\$25.00) dollars, and if any residue of money is left from sale of this five hundred acres of land, I want May E. Dillow to use it for benefit of my brother H. H. Melson. I want my sister May E. Dillow to pay from sale of this five hundred acres of land all my debts first, and then to Johanna Bogart one thousand dollars before the other bequests are given off. If Johanna Bogart shall leave any of the bequest of one thousand dollars left at time of her death, I want her to give it to Charlotte Hallow's grand daughter, Fannie Melson Todd. To Johanna Bogart I give four suits of bed room furniture, including mattresses, ^{comferts} counterpanes, sheets, pillow cases, blankets with two carpets, the red wood rockers now in possession of Ann B. White, Norfolk, Va. during her life, and after her death to Fanny Melson Todd. To Echelle Dillow I give my old book case, to Fannie Northam my old China Tea set and all my China and all the jewelry, My cousin Sally Cherry.

I give my grand mother's table, my mother's mother's and the residue of my estate to May Dillow in fee simple.

Francis C. Melson

Witness:

Mary E. Moore.

Beth W. Moore.

May 11, 1907.

Codicil. I want my earnest paid for first of all & the thirty dollars she & I owed C. H. Sells, sister May is to have full charge of my estate. This F. C. Melson.

State of North Carolina, } ss. In the Superior Court.
Washington County. }
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Francis C. Melson, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Mary E. Dillow, sister therein mentioned, and she does execute the same by the said Francis C. Melson by the oath and examination of Mary E. Moore & Beth W. Moore, the subscribing witnesses therein, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for herself depose and sayeth that she is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Francis C. Melson, that the said Francis C. Melson 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 Eleventh day of May, 1907.

And the Deponent further saith, that the said Francis C. Melson, 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 attending witness thereto, as aforesaid. The said Fannie C. Nelson 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.

Wm. C. Moore,
Bethie W. Moore.

Severally sworn and subscribed
this 31st day of May, 1907, before me.

C. W. Ainsworth

Clerk Superior Court,

North Carolina, }
Washington County, } ss. In the Superior Court.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Fannie C. Nelson, deceased. Let this said will and Codicil, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 31st day of May, 1907.

C. W. Ainsworth

Clerk Superior Court,

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Manson Lamb, of the county of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory and considering that it is appointed unto all men, once to die, do therefore make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in manner as follows; that is to say,

1st It is my will and desire that my Executor, hereinafter named, shall provide my body with a suitable burial corresponding with the wishes of my friends and relations and pay the expenses of such burial and all my just debts out of the money that shall first come to hand as a part and parcel of my estate.

2^d Then, I give, devise and bequeath to my son, Benjamin M. Lamb, my entire estate, consisting of real and personal property whatever nature or kind; also all my evidences of debts and claims in action wherever situated or howsoever accumulating to be his entire property to him and his heirs forever.

3^d. Lastly do hereby constitute, and appoint my son, Benjamin M. Lamb, my true and lawful Executor, to carry out this will to all intents and purposes, and I hereby revoke all wills by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 12th day of March, 1892. A. D.
Manson Lamb. (Seal)

Signed & sealed in the presence of us,
who at his request & in his presence
subscribe our names as witnesses.

W. H. Cooper,

J. P. Cooper,

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

A paper-writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Manson Lamb, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by St. M. Bateman, for Benj. M. Lamb, the Executor therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of E. A. Carter & W. T. Freeman, that W. H. Cooper & J. P. Cooper, the subscribing witnesses thereto are absent from the State, and it is ~~judicially~~ proved by the oath and examination of the said E. A. Carter & W. T. Freeman that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Manson Lamb having often seen him write, and that the names of the said W. H. Cooper & J. P. Cooper subscribed as witnesses to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said W. H. Cooper & J. P. Cooper, and it is also proved by the oath and examination of the said E. A. Carter & W. T. Freeman, that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said testator, having often seen him write, and that the names of the said W. H. Cooper & J. P. Cooper, subscribed as witnesses to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said W. H. Cooper & J. P. Cooper. E. A. Carter.

W. T. Freeman,

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 Manson Lamb, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 19th day of Oct. 1907.

C. W. Ainsworth.

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