

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 Eli J. Spruill, deceased. Let the said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed,

This 27th day of April, 1912.

C. W. Wansboro,

Clk. Superior Court.

Personally appeared Lamma A. Spruill, who took and subscribed to the oath prescribed by law for the qualification of Executor, and Letters Testamentary were issued to her on the 27th day of April, 1912.

C. W. Wansboro, C.S.C.

In the name of God, Amen

I Josephus H. Snell Sr., Being of sound mind & memory, and considering the limitation of my earthly existence so near this & desire it my last Will & Testament; in manner and form following to wit, First that after my death my beloved wife Mary E. Snell if able and if not my friends shall provide a decent burial for my body and pay all necessary expenses together with all my just debts from the money coming first to hand.

Item 2. I give and bequeath to my wife Mary E. Snell during her life all the tract of land on which I now live consisting of 147 acres together with all my stable doors 1 mare & 1 mule with all cattle & hogs with all my provisions tools of all kinds still which she & G. my books & guns Rifles &c is for J. H. Snell Jr. All my growing crops of all kinds in less of her during & years support for her Willie and Josephus Jr. and Edwin if he stays with and behaves himself.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Rueritha Balamaw my note & mortgage as they are found, on the 2 Summers Johnson & Son my watch and all she has had or got from me to the date of my death \$200- in place thereof.

Item 4. I give & bequeath to my son Edward J. Snell one dollar and a suit of clothes & recommend him to all my child ren don't let him suffer he is your Brother unseparated in mind care for him & if he should ever become sound help him I have given to you.

Item 5. I give & bequeath to my son Rea D. Snell my note and mortgage against H. Biggs as it is found at my death with all I have heretofore given off to him of money tools stable help &c. allowing no charges against me & him in any way to the date of my death.

Item 6. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ada H. Halsey the Springfield tract of land as divided to me by Mrs. A. Spruill my roads & drainways excepted my main road twenty feet across the said tract on N. Side to main Road said tract containing 115 acers. Also one note apt Ben Spruill - if it is paid before \$200. dollars in cash together with all I have given to her before to the date of my death.

Item 7. I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Pritchard besides what she has had one note against H. H. Phelps \$100 and one note against Stephen Nefton as it stands at my death or if paid before my death one hundred dollars cash from my money on hand at time of my death.

Item 8. My will is that Albi's Willie & Josephus Jr.

shall have all the residue of my estate Real & Personal after my & my wife's death I give & bequeath to Alice & Helen the little Darnestown tract of Land from a straight line from the McChays highway to the N. W. corner of Richard Clannett's land on old fallen Pine stump a buggy 1/2 after driven by it thence along his line E. to Edmund Hills line thence Northwardly along my own & his line to the Oak swamp thence up along said swamp to a pine stump corner on the N. E. corner of an Island thence across said swamp along my & Ed's Snells line thence along the swamp up it along my line E. to Ed's Snells line & Ed's Snells line to the McChays corner the the beginning showing a cartway to J. H. S. Jr. on the S. E. corner, to Edmund Hills line. I also give to her of my moneys & notes sixteen hundred dollars with whatever bedding & stock my wife may give off to her & all the Residue shall go to Josephus after my death except what is given to my beloved wife her life time then all the residue of Lands & personals goes to Josephus Jr. he taking care of his mother & I constitute & appoint my wife & my daughter Lucretia as my lawful Executors to execute this my last Will & Testament the notes are transferred & they & the money shall be paid over by my wife if not done to me & accepted for by each one. All my personal estate is for Josephus except what my wife gives off to A. & Helen & in case of death of Josephus his estate if unmarried goes to be equally divided among all my children.

I Josephus H. Snell do declare this my last Will and Testament on this the 15th day of April year of our Lord nineteen hundred and five & I recommend all to the care of my maker constituting without bond my wife Guardian, to Josephus H. Snell Jr.

Signed & recognized as my last Will & Testament in presence of
 Thompson Patrick } Josephus H. Snell, Jr.
 Mack Patrick,
 who are witnesses
 this April 15 1905.

State of North Carolina
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In the Superior Court.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of Josephus H. Snell, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Mary E. Snell one of the executors therein named, and it is thereupon

proved by the oath and examination of Mary E. Snell that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said Josephus H. Snell after his death, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to-wit: H. J. Merce, Asa D. Snell and Mack Patrick that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Josephus H. Snell, having often seen him write, and truly believe that the name of the said Josephus H. Snell subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said Josephus H. Snell. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Josephus H. Snell. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the said paper writing, is the last will and testament of the said Josephus H. Snell, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

H. J. Merce,
 Asa D. Snell,
 Mack Patrick.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
 this 2nd day of May, 1906.

W. M. Calhoun, C. J. C.

Washington County, Superior Court,
 Will of J. H. Snell.

The foregoing will & probate thereof is hereby certified to be the last will of J. H. Snell & the probate thereof as same appears from the original on file in the records of this office, same is docketed now, "ex parte".

The signature of W. M. Calhoun, Clerk Superior Court of Washington County is the true signature of said Calhoun, C. J. C.

Let the same with this certificate, be registered.
 this May 13. 1906.

C. D. W. Tanshau
 Clerk Superior Court