

State of North Carolina

Washington County In the Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary Victoria Sawyer deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County by Henry W. Sawyer, the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary Victoria Sawyer by the oath and examination of Jas S Harrison and Jos A Harrison 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 V. Sawyer, that the said Mary V. Sawyer, in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 29th day of June 1880.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Mary Victoria Sawyer, the testatrix aforesaid did 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 testatrix, and this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her 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 Mary V. Sawyer 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.

James S Harrison Seal
Joseph A Harrison Seal

Generally sworn & subscribed
this 18th day of Sept 1880 before me
Sam W. Saffman
Probate Judge

In the name of God. Amen

I Sarah Jane Darkin, being in feeble health of body, but of sound mind, and fully realizing life to be uncertain and at best fleeting and transitory, do make this, my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.
I then 1st I desire my body to be decently buried in the enclosure of Grace Church yard.

I then 2^d I leave to my dear mother Matilda Ann Jones all my estate, both real and personal upon condition that she is to provide the best she can, from the resources of the same, for the support and education of my son Edward Long, during her natural life, at her death I give the same with all increase and improvement to the aforesaid Edward Long Darkin, to have and to hold, during his natural life, and at his death to his children if he leaves any, and should he leave none, then the same to revert back in equal portions to my nearest of kin.

I then 3^d I desire my mother to act as Administratrix, with the will annexed, and as Guardian to my son, and to pay all lawful debts out of the first moneys that may come into her hands. Given under my hand and seal this June 26 1880
Sarah J Darkin Seal

Signed, Sealed and
delivered in presence of
H. G. Hollins
Clarentine D. Bliff

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A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah J Darkin deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County by Matilda Ann Jones, the Administratrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Sarah J Darkin by the oath and examination of H. G. Hollins and Clarentine D. Bliff 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 Sarah J Darkin, that the said Sarah J Darkin in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 26th day of June 1880.

And the deponent further saith that the said Sarah J. Parkerton the testatrix aforesaid did at the time of aforesaid writing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as 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 testatrix. And this deponent further saith that at the said time, when the said testatrix subscribed her 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 Sarah J. Parkerton 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.

Personally sworn & subscribed this
25th day of Sept 1880 before me
Saml W. Saitman
Probate Judge.

W. G. Hillier Seal
C. J. Clift Seal

I Thomas S. Bassell of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:-

- 1 I wish that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses and purchase Tombstones, together with my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come in his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
- 2 I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah, thirty acres of land more or less, lying on the north side of a road that leads from the main road to my Residence, whereon I now live, including my mansion house and other improvements, to have and to hold unto her the said Sarah Bassell for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu her dower and thirds of and in all of my Real Estate and after my said wife's life time - I gave bequeath the said Tract of Land to my children that I may have by my said wife Sarah to be equal divided between them to have and to hold to them their heirs and assigns in fee simple forever.
- 3 I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah, certain lots or parcel of land lying in the Town of Asheville, N.C. bounded as follows for Reference to boundaries Refer to two deeds from William Atkins to wife Sarah J. Atkins dated 30 day of August 1875, the other dated January 27 day 1876 and also to portions of the Tract or lots of land which was deeded to me by William Atkins & wife S. J. Atkins & S. L. Johnson attorney for J. B. Odum, dated 16 day of October 1877, this portion is to be the remainder after taking out the part I hereafter shall give to Soler Spruill a daughter of Eliza Spruill Decd. to have and to hold to her the said Sarah Bassell for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my Real Estate and after my said wife's life time - I gave and devise said Tracts or lots as above mentioned to my children that I have by my said wife Sarah to be equal divided between them to them, their heirs and assigns forever in fee simple.