

North Carolina, Washington County,

I, Joseph Shults, of the aforesaid County & State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make & declare this my last will & testament.

First. I, executor, hereinafter named shall give, my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends & relations, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts out of the first money which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second. I give and devise to my beloved wife, L. Shults, the tract of land on which I now live containing three & half acres, it being all the land I now own on the East side of the main road leading from Seymour to Poplar, for her natural life in satisfaction of her dower and then in all my lands, and at her death to my daughter Francis Adelia Shults in fee simple forever.

Third. I give and devise to my daughter Francis Adelia, and her heirs or assigns in fee simple all and any tract or lots of land that I now own or may hereafter possess.

Fourth. I give and devise to my daughter Francis Adelia, all the furniture in her room also one single bed bedstead, and mattress, coverings, & springs, one black velvet work robe, also all my parlor furniture including piano, and sewing machine, I give to my said daughter all notes, money, farming utensils of every description, hoes, cut hoes, traps, provisions and all other personal property, except that mentioned in the fifth item, to my wife.

Fifth. I give to my beloved wife all the furniture in my house except that mentioned in a former item to my daughter, in lieu of her support. Should there be a deficiency at the time of my death, it is my will that my daughter Francis Adelia shall pay the same out of the crop, stock & provisions on hand.

Sixth. I hereby constitute and appoint my son John H. Shults, my lawful executor to all interests and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, without bond, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testament by me heretofore made.

In Witness Whereof I the said Joseph Shults, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 24 day of March 1902.

For Shults
Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Joseph Shults 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.

Witness
F. R. Johnston (for will book C. Page 460)
E. W. Cheson.

The due execution of the foregoing paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Joseph Shults is proven by the oath and examination of F. R. Johnston & E. W. Cheson the subscribing witnesses and admitted to probate and the execution therein named duly qualified according to law. This 18th day of February 1904.

N. M. Belman C. S. C.

North Carolina, Washington County,

I, Jessie M. Ward of the aforesaid County, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will & testament.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved husband W. H. Ward all my estate & every dispositive real and personal now owned by me or which may hereafter be owned by me from any source whatever, to him and to his heirs, executors and assigns forever.

Given under my hand the 26 day of January 1891.
Jessie M. Ward

Signed sealed, declared and published by the said Jessie M. Ward as her last will and testament in our presence who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other attested the same.
D. L. Pettigrew
J. C. Frazier

State of North Carolina, Washington County,

The due execution of the paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Jessie M. Ward (the above being a true copy of the same & the original being filed in this office as the law directs) is proven as to the genuineness of the signatures of the testator & witnesses one of which is dead & the other a non resident of this State by F. R. Johnston & Charles Catron to my satisfaction. This 18th day of June 1904.
N. M. Belman C. S. C.

I Samuel Waters of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of Earthly Existence do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First That my Executrix (herein in after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to her wishes and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, however and so unremorsefully coming out of the monies that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Second. I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary I all my undivided interest in a tract of land in the County of Blount whereon my Father Everett Waters now lives to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

Third. I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary I all my real and personal estate not heretofore mentioned during the term of her natural life and after death to my son William W. S. and his lawful heirs of his body or their issue if any and if there be none living then to the widow of my son William W. S. if he leaves one, in fee simple forever.

Fourth. Should my son William W. S. die before my beloved wife Mary I. leaving no child or children or heirs their issue or widow then in that case I give and bequeath all and my last of my estate both real and personal to my beloved wife Mary I. to her and her heirs and assign in fee simple forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary I. my lawful Executrix to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby reciting and declaring wholly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Samuel Waters do hereunto set my hand and seal this the Sixth day of April Eighteen hundred and Seventy.

Samuel ^{his} Waters (Seal)
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Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Samuel Waters 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.
W. Latham Jno. W. Latham
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State of North Carolina,
Washington County.

In the Superior Court
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Waters deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by Mary J. Waters the executrix therein named, and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of F. B. Johnson that Jno. W. Latham one of subscribing witnesses thereto is dead, and it is also proved by the oath and examination of J. M. Bateman that Godman Durdent the other subscribing witness thereto is also dead. And it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said F. B. Johnson that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Jno. W. Latham having often seen him write, and the name of the said Jno. W. Latham and it is also proved by the oath and examination of the said J. M. Bateman that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Godman Durdent having often seen him write, and that the name of the said Godman Durdent subscribed as a witness to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said Godman Durdent. 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 Samuel Waters and this is ordered to be recorded and filed.
This 4th day of August 1870.

J. M. Bateman C. C.