

North Carolina, Washington County.

I, James J. Baleman, Sr., of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament:

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

Second, I give and bequeath to each of my children, Benjamin S., Roy B., Lellie C., J. Bruce Thomas B., James J., Jr., Daniel and Robert L., the sum of \$5, to be paid by my executor, out of the moneys belonging to my estate, within sixty days from the date of my death.

Third, I give and devise to my beloved wife, Ida S., the following tracts of land in fee simple: (1) That certain tract of land, known as my "Old Place," lying on the south side of the public road leading to Lenoirville, and beginning at the foot of the Wiley Spruill Road and running easterly along said public road to the canal near the fork of the "Old Swamp Road," thence southerly along said canal to the mouth thereof and continuing on to the Holmes land; thence westerly and northerly along the Holmes land to the beginning containing about thirty acres, and being the land conveyed to me by Isaac B. Baleman and wife in 1872; (2) another tract of land which I purchased from David B. Ambrose and wife containing two acres, more or less; (3) another tract of land lying at part of the "Old Swamp Road" and known as the school ground which I purchased from Lemigian Holmes and E. Dunston, containing about one half of an acre; (4) another tract of land lying on the south side of the public road leading to Lenoirville and the east side of the "Old Swamp Road," beginning at the fork of the said Swamp road and running thence easterly along the public road to the Johnson Spruill line, a ditch; thence southerly along said Spruill line to the David B. Ambrose line; thence along said Ambrose line westerly to the "Old Swamp Road," thence northerly along said Swamp road and the old school ground line to the beginning containing about twenty-five acres, and being a tract of land which I purchased from Isaac B. Baleman and wife.

Fourth, I give and devise to my beloved wife, Ida S., all my right title and interest in and to the entire tract of land on which I now reside, containing about 170 acres, for her

natural life, said tract being willed to me by my father, Isaac B. Baleman.

Fifth, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Ida S., all of my household and kitchen furniture, moneys, personal property and all other property and assets not otherwise herein disposed of. Provided that she shall pay to my son, Robert, \$200 for his education, within five years from the date of my death.

Sixth, I give and devise to my children, Benjamin S., Roy B., Lellie C., J. Bruce, Thomas B., James J., Jr., Daniel and Robert L., the entire tract of land on which I now reside, subject to the natural life estate of my wife, Ida S., as devised in item 4 of this, my will.

Seventh, I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Ida S., my lawful executor 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 revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I, the said James J. Baleman, Sr., do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 8th day of May, 1920.

J. J. Baleman, (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James J. Baleman, Sr., 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.

Mrs. Alma Phelps, witness
D. E. Hoodley, witness

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of J. J. Baleman, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by Ida S. Baleman, the executor therein mentioned, and she due execution thereof by the said J. J. Baleman, by the oath and examination of Mrs. Alma Phelps and D. E. Hoodley, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, each depose and say, and each for himself and 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 J. J. Baleman; that the said J. J. Baleman, in the

presenter of this document subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 8th day of May, 1920.

And this Dependent further saith, that the said J. J. Bateman, the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his and her names as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this Dependent did thereupon subscribe his and her names at the end of said Will as attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this Dependent 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 Dependent subscribing his and her names as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said J. J. Bateman 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 Dependent; And further these Dependent say not.

Subscribed and subscribed, this 11th
day of June, 1925, before me,
C. W. Tinsboro
Clerk Superior Court.

Mrs. Alma Phelps
D. C. Havelley.

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

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

This 11th day of June, 1925.

C. W. Tinsboro
Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina, Washington County.

In the name of God amen

I Martha A. Spruill of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina being in health of body and of sound mind memory and understanding praise be God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following

I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved husband J. N. Spruill his heirs and assigns forever all of my land owned by me now and at my death that I may own and I do nominate constitute and appoint my said husband sole executor of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I the said Martha A. Spruill have hereunto set my hand this day of Feb. 1902.

Martha A. Spruill, (Real)

Signed declared and published by, to above named Martha A. Spruill as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

C. J. Spear (Real)
L. J. Spear (Real)

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha A. Spruill, deceased, is exhibited before us, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by J. N. Spruill, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Martha A. Spruill by the oath and examination of L. J. Spear, the subscribing witness thereto who being duly sworn, doth 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 Martha A. Spruill; that the said Martha A. Spruill, in the presence of this Dependent, subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the - day of Feb., 1902.

And this Dependent further saith, that the said Martha A. Spruill, the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament, and this Dependent 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 testatrix. And this Dependent further saith, that at the same time when the said testatrix subscribed