

North Carolina, Washington County,

I, Martha James, 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 my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just and lawful debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second- I give and devise to my cousin, Annis Pittsford, in fee simple, a third interest in the "Beltus Island Swamp" which I inherited from my father, Abner James, Sr. located on Dutch Gut and Roanoke River in Martin County, N.C.

Third- I give and devise to my cousin Annis Pittsford my one-sixth interest in a tract of land in Martin County, N.C. adjoining the lands of Lacey Perry, Jas. D. Riggs and others, being the land which I inherited from my mother Sallie Francis Griffith.

Fourth- My will and desire is that my executor herein named shall care for my brother George James, (also George H. Pittsford) and Harriet Freeman Pittsford, my sisters as long as she shall live or until they are able to care for themselves, and if at his death there remains any of the estate here willed, that the same shall descend to them to share and share alike.

Fifth- I hereby constitute and appoint my trusted friend and cousin Annis Pittsford, 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 Martha James do hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of November, 1913.

Martha James. (Seal)

(over)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Martha James to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witnesses: } H. F. Ansborn,
 A. J. Arge,

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha James, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Annis Pittsford, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Martha James by the oath and examination of H. F. Ansborn & A. J. Arge, 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 Martha James; that the said Martha James, 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 12th day of November, 1913.

And this deponent further saith, that the said Martha James 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 deponent did therefore 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 deponent further saith, that at the same 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 attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Martha James 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 and,

(over) } H. F. Ansborn,
 A. J. Arge,

Severally sworn and subscribed, this 28th
day of March, 1914, before me.

C. W. Tinsboro.

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 Martha James, deceased. And said Will
together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 28 day of March, 1914.

C. W. Tinsboro.

Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina, Washington County,

I know all men by their presents that I, J. C. Stillman of the
State & County above named aforesaid have this day with full power
from my self my heirs & assigns & by their presents I do hereby will unto
J. C. Stillman his heirs & assigns with all the privileges thereunto my
place on which I now live & known as the Washie Basnight place
& more fully described in a deed made to me by L. M. Phelps &
together with all my household & kitchen furniture carts buggies
horses mules back hogs potting farming utensils & all other chattel
property what ever this will is made on certain conditions first
that the said J. C. Stillman is to take care of me J. C. Stillman my
life time & at death give my body a decent burial Second he
shall pay or cause to be paid to Devilla Gray or his heirs one hundred
dollars third he shall pay or cause to be paid to the heirs of James
Davenport one hundred dollars and after my death if the
said J. C. Stillman has well and truly complied with the above
named obligations then this will shall be in full force and effect
otherwise it shall be null and void given under my hand and
seal this the 12 day of January 1913.

J. C. Stillman, (Seal)

Witness

W. T. Hatfield

J. T. Basnight

J. D. Stillman.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament
of J. C. Stillman, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned,
Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by J. C. Stillman one of
the devisees therein mentioned, and he did execute thereof by the
said J. C. Stillman by the oath and examination of W. T. Hatfield &
J. D. Stillman, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly
sworn, each depose and say, and each for himself depose
and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing
now shown him, purporting to be the last will and Testament
of J. C. Stillman, that the said J. C. Stillman, in the presence
of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said