

In the name of God Amen.

I Caldonia Mercer, of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of sound memory, mind and understanding, praise be God for same, do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following:-

I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved husband H. J. Mercer all of my land to have and to hold during his natural life and then same shall go to Cole and Rev. M. Strand, this bein' and assigns forever.

To Cole Strand I give all of my jewelry and wearing apparel forever.

And I do nominate, constitute and appoint my said husband sole Executor of this my last will and testament (without bond) hereby revoking and making void all and every other will or wills at any time heretofore made by me, and do declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Caldonia Mercer have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 29th day of October 1912.

Caldonia Mercer

Signed declared and published by the above named Caldonia Mercer, 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.

H. P. Lucas.

A. B. Chysson.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Caldonia Mercer, deceased, is exhibited before us, the undersigned, Clerks of the Superior Court for said County by H. J. Mercer, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Caldonia Mercer by the oath and examination of H. P. Lucas and A. B. Chysson, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doeth 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 Caldonia Mercer; that the said Caldonia

Mercer, 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 29th day of October, 1912.

And this Deponent further saith, that the said Caldonia Mercer the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his 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 then and there 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 Caldonia Mercer 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 that deponent's say not.

A. B. Chysson.

H. P. Lucas.

Personally sworn and subscribed, this 6th day of July, 1917, before me.

C. D. W. Tinsboro,

Clerk Superior Court,

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 Caldonia Mercer, deceased. Let said Will, together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 6th day of July, 1917.

C. D. W. Tinsboro,

Clerk Superior Court.

Personally appeared before me this day H. J. Mercer, who qualified as Executor to the foregoing Will by taking and subscribing to the oath prescribed by law for the qualification of Executors.

This July 6th, 1917.

C. D. W. Tinsboro, c.c.