

State of North Carolina, Washington County,

I W. J. Myers of the aforesaid County and state being of sound mind do make this my last will and testament.

First, my executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial and shall pay all my 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 my beloved wife Mary M. Myers the proceeds of my insurance in the Shrine which is now in her name as beneficiary amounting to fifteen thousand dollars, three hundred dollars in cash to be paid out of my personal estate, and all of my household and kitchen furniture of every description.

Third, I give unto Phoebe Simpson my faithful servant one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid out of my estate: Provided she is in my employ at the time of my death.

Fourth, I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Kate's Burghart the remainder of my estate real and personal of which I do possess.

Fifth, I hereby appoint D. E. Hoodley my executor without bond to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same.

In witness whereof, I the said W. J. Myers, do hereby set my hand and seal, this 28th day of October 1918.

W. J. Myers ^{his} (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said W. J. Myers 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.

Witnesses,

D. E. Hoodley

J. L. Hassell,

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. J. Myers, deceased, is exhibited before us, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by D. E. Hoodley,

the executor therein mentioned, and he denounces thereof by the said W. J. Myers by the oath and examination of D. E. Hoodley & J. L. Hassell, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, each depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a dispassionate witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. J. Myers; that the said W. J. Myers, 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 28th day of October, 1918.

And this deponent further saith, that the said W. J. Myers the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his 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 said testator. And this deponent 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 deponent's subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said W. J. Myers 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 this deponent says not, solemnly sworn and subscribed, } D. E. Hoodley,
his 25th day of Nov. 1918, before me. } J. L. Hassell,

C. P. W. Turshon,
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 W. J. Myers, deceased. Let said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 25th day of November, 1918.

C. P. W. Turshon,

Clerk Superior Court,

Presently appeared before me on this 25th day of Nov. 1918, D. E. Hoodley, who qualified as executor to and was sworn by each of said named to, being in the jurisdiction of the Court, C. P. W. Turshon, C.

Martin County - In the Probate Court:
 In the Matter of the Will of } Before H. T. Crawford,
 William Gray, } Probate Judge.

Sarah Gray being sworn, deposes and says:

That William Gray late of said County is dead having first made & published his last Will & Testament; and that Sarah Gray and James E. Moore are the executors named therein.

Further, that the property of the said William Gray consisting of lands, stocks, notes of which the much larger part is land is worth about \$6000⁰⁰, as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application, and that Sarah F. Gray, Mary G. Fagan, H. S. Fagan, Charles C. Fagan, Joseph N. Fagan, Montford S. Fagan, William G. Gaylord, and William J. P. Gray, all of whom live in Martin County, Wm. N. Fagan and Montford S. Fagan, are minors & live with their mother, Mary G. Fagan, and are rightful Grandchildren, and William J. P. Gray is a minor living with the applicant his mother one of the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Signed Sarah F. Gray.

Sworn to & subscribed before me.

This May 15-1879.

H. T. Crawford,

Probate Judge.

In the name of God amen. I William Gray of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me at any time made and devised.

I bequeath unto my wife Sarah F. Gray during her widowhood or life one half of my house tract of land including the buildings. I also give and devise unto my wife Sarah F. Gray in fee the land purchased by me of Alfred R. Rogerson and wife.

I give and devise unto my daughter Mary G. Fagan the land where she is now living that I purchased of S. C. Gayther, I also give her the said Mary G. Fagan the lands that I purchased N. B. Fagan executor or Administrator of Thomas Lacy to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my Grandson William L. Fagan a small piece of land lying between the two above mentioned I purchased of S. C. Gayther.

I give and devise unto my four Grand-sons, William L. Fagan, Charles C. Fagan, Joseph N. Fagan, Montford S. Fagan, all the lands that formerly belonged to Thomas Gray deceased that lie between Hitch's Creek and Wolf Pt Branch to be equally divided between them.

I give and devise to my Grandson William G. Gaylord the back half of land for and his natural life, remain in fee to such children or the issue of such as may survive him. I also give to my Grandson William G. Gaylord my father's land in Washington County that I purchased of J. M. Gray as the next item above.

and give and devise unto my son William J. P. Gray all of my estate that I have not hitherto above willed away that is to say all of my land, money, and notes and interest, household and kitchen furniture, crop, stock and provisions whether held by deed or mortgage or otherwise and the land bequeathed to his mother in fee forever.

Written with my own hand, this 20th day of March 1878. Should there any just debts be left unpaid equally according to each one's part.

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah F. Gray and James E. Moore as Executors this my will.

Witness my hand and seal

Signed William Gray (and)

Martin County - In the Probate Court.

The foregoing and annexed paper-writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Gray deceased being returned to the undersigned Judge of Probate for Martin County, for probate, and it appearing from the oath and examinations and affidavits of James E. Moore, C. B. Hassell and John L. Ward, that the said paper-writing was found among the valuable papers & effects of the said William Gray deceased and that it together with the signature thereto is wholly in the handwriting of the said William Gray deceased and that said William Gray at the date of the