

North Carolina, Washington County.

Jamie M. Paul, Margaret M. Muse and Joel Muse, each being duly sworn deposes and says that he knows well the late R. J. Paul and that he is acquainted with the handwriting of the said R. J. Paul, having often seen him write and truly believe that the name of the said R. J. Paul, subscribed to the paper writing offered for probate is the Last Will and Testament of the said R. J. Paul and the said Will itself and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said R. J. Paul. That the said handwriting of the said R. J. Paul is generally known to the acquaintances of the said R. J. Paul.

Jamie M. Paul
Margaret M. Muse
Joel Muse.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this the 31 day of July, 1933.

C. W. Tunstall,

Clerk of the Superior Court.

North Carolina

Washington County.

In the Superior Court.

A paper writing, without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of R. J. Paul, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Sadie F. Paul, the sole executrix therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Sadie F. Paul that the said Will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said R. J. Paul, after his death. And it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit, Jamie M. Paul, Margaret M. Muse and Joel Muse, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said R. J. Paul, having often seen him write and truly believe that the name of the said R. J. Paul, subscribed to the said Will, and the said Will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said R. J. Paul. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said R. J. Paul. 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 the said R. J. Paul, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

This July 31, 1933.

C. W. Tunstall,

Clerk of the Superior Court.

North Carolina, Lenoir County.

I, H. N. Norman, of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind, thank God for same, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament:

First, My executors hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of all my friends and relatives, and erect a Monument on my grave to cost not less than \$250.00 and the benefits derived from the Junior Order to be used in helping to defray my burial or funeral expenses.

Second, I give and bequeath to my niece Mary L. Cochran, wife of J. L. Cochran one Hundred Dollars.

Third, I give and bequeath to my nephew Robert Norman, one Hundred Dollars.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my nephew and name sake Walter Norman Cooper Two Hundred Dollars.

Fifth, I give to my nephew S. A. Norman, the two town lots on the West side of North Street bought of J. A. Alexander and wife see and for further reference, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth, My will and desire is that all of my Real and personal property of every description, not heretofore mentioned, or devised shall be sold or divided by my executors hereinafter named, and in case of sale title to Real Estate may be made by the executors. Proceeds of Real Estate together with all other personal property of every description not heretofore mentioned, or devised to be divided among the following nieces and nephews to wit: S. A. Norman, Martha Swain, wife of C. H. Swain, Jr., Lola Cooper, wife of G. L. Cooper, Della's Norman, Sadie Fisher, wife of Lewis Fisher, share and share alike.

In case of a division the executors hereafter named with the devisees mentioned in this section, to divide the remainder among the six above mentioned nephews and nieces, and give to every one as near and equal amount in valuation as is possible to do.

Seventh, I hereby constitute and appoint my trusted nephews S. A. Norman and C. H. Swain my lawful executors (who shall serve without giving bond), 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

revoke and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I, the said H. N. Norman, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July, 1926.

H. N. Norman, (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said H. N. Norman to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who, at his request and in his presence (and in the presence of each other) do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witnesses

Jerry Brickhouse

Ella N. Brickhouse,

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of H. N. Norman, of Lenoir County, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by S. A. Norman and C. H. Swain the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said H. N. Norman is proved by the oath and examination of Jerry Brickhouse (Clerk Superior Court of Lenoir County) and Ella N. Brickhouse, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, do 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 H. N. Norman; that the said H. N. Norman, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 31st day of July, 1926.

And the deponent further saith that the said H. N. Norman, 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 the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said 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 H. N. Norman 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 not.

Jerry Brickhouse
Ella N. Brickhouse.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed, this 9th day of August, 1933,
before me,

C. W. Ansborn,

Clerk Superior Court,

North Carolina.

Washington County, }

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 H. N. Norman, deceased, and the same with the foregoing examination and this certificate, are ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 9th day of August, 1933.

C. W. Ansborn

Clerk Superior Court.

The following Codicils, not being properly witnessed, are not probated or made a part of the foregoing will, but are copied here and filed with the will only as memoranda:

Codicil No. (1.)

North Carolina, Lenoir County.

I, H. N. Norman of said County and State, make this codicil to my last will and testament published by me and dated the 31st day of July, 1926, which I ratify and confirm, except as the same shall be changed hereby.

Whereas by my will above mentioned, I gave and devised to my nephew S. A. Norman, two vacant town lots by the 5th line of this will, and whereas I have since sold my old home place, and my desire is, that the new house now being built by me on North Street is to take the place of the old home that I have sold. The new house is being built on one of the vacant lots, which I devised to my nephew S. A. Norman, I hereby revoke the said devise to S. A. Norman, in line 5 of the above will and give to the said S. A. Norman, one vacant lot instead of two, the one now

given to him being the lot next to J. A. Alexander's line, and adjoining the lot on which I am building the new house.

In testimony whereof I the said H. N. Norman do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 12 day of Sept. 1928.

H. N. Norman, (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said H. N. Norman, to be a Codicil to his last will and Testament in our presence, and we, in his presence (and in the presence of each other) have at his request hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Jerry Brackhouse Not.

Codicil #1. Since writing this Will I have sold the old home place and my desire is that the new house built on North Street to be in place of the old home that I sold. Also I devised to S. A. Norman in in section 5 of this will two vacant lots, one of these lots I have used to build the new house on, and this will leave only one vacant lot instead of two for S. A. Norman as set out Section 5th of this will, it being the lot next to J. A. Alexander's line.

Wch. 31-1928.

H. N. Norman.

Witness,

Jerry Brackhouse

Testified to in small County.

Gray Will

Cereswell, Dec. 16, 1930

My last and only Will. I want all my debts and funeral expenses paid and to my Beloved Brother Dixon F. Gray all of my Real Estate and personal property I bequeath to Dickson F. Gray

My last and only Will

J. N. Gray

North Carolina

Washington County }

In the Superior Court,

Before the Clerk.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of J. N. Gray, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by D. E. Stoddley, and Thompson came the said D. E. Stoddley and E. S. Stoddley, and J. H. Starr, who being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said J. N. Gray after his death.

And also came the said D. E. Stoddley and E. S. Stoddley and J. H. Starr who being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that they and each of them are acquainted with the handwriting of the said J. N. Gray, having often seen him write, and that they and each of them verily believe that the name of the said J. N. Gray subscribed to said will, and the said will itself and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said J. N. Gray. And further they saith not.

D. E. Stoddley.

E. S. Stoddley.

J. H. Starr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this the 12th day of August, 1933,

C. W. Atkinson,

Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina,

Washington County }

In the Superior Court,

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and Testament of J. N. Gray, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by D. E. Stoddley, and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of D. E. Stoddley that the said will was found among the valuable