

North Carolina, Washington County.

I Joseph Eli Rhodes 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.

1st. 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 debts out of the first money which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second I give and devise to my beloved wife Martha Rhodes ten acres that tract of land where I now reside excepting lot I give to Mary Spruill hereinafter mentioned.

Third. I give and devise to Mary Spruill one lot of land bounded as follows beginning at public road leading to Chymond with Sam Bennetts corner running with Sam Bennetts line towards Grady Creek 100 yards then running North east corner 100 yards to Martha Rhodes corner thence running southerly corner with Martha Rhodes line 100 yards to main road thence running with main road to Sam Bennetts line the beginning.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all of my household and kitchen furniture of all descriptions also our cart and two axle wheels one open buggy, all the crop on hand at time of my death also all provisions, also our mule name Rich also all other farming implements.

Fifth. I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife 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 hereto made.

In witness whereof I the said Joseph Eli Rhodes do subscribe at my hand and seal this 27th day of July 1923.

Joseph Eli Rhodes
made

Signed sealed and declared by the said Joseph Eli Rhodes 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.

R. H. Johnston
J. K. R. 10

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph Eli Rhodes, deceased, is exhibited before us, the undersigned, Clerks of the Superior Court for said County, by Martha Rhodes, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Joseph Eli Rhodes by the oath and examination of R. H. Johnston and J. K. Reid, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, do declare and say, and each for himself depone and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph Eli Rhodes; that the said Joseph Eli Rhodes, in the presence of the deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 27th day of July, 1923.

And this deponent further saith, that the said Joseph Eli Rhodes, the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing the same as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thenceforth 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 Joseph Eli Rhodes 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.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed, this 1st day of November, 1924.

R. H. Johnston,
Clerk Superior Court.

J. K. Reid,

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 Joseph Eli Rhodes, deceased, Let said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 1st day of November, 1924,

C. W. Ambrose