

North Carolina,

Washington County, }

I Lydia Trotter of Creswell of the County & State aforesaid, being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say:-

First That my executor hereafter to be named shall provide for my body a decent burial, & pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, out of the money that may first come into hands as a part and parcel of my estate:-

Item No. 1. I give & devise to my beloved children Willie Trotter, Lula Trotter, Lydia Trotter & Annie Trotter all of that tract or parcel of land situate on the South side of Deepfennung River, adjoining the lands of Arena White & others.

Item No. 2. I give & devise to my daughter Lula Trotter the lot on the Main Street in the Town of Creswell on the East side of the property of Annie Trotter.

Item No. 3- I give & devise to Willie & Lydia Trotter & to the children of Sadie Riddick a lot on Main Street in the Town of Creswell, & on the West side of the property of Annie Trotter.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint Annie Trotter my lawful executrix, to execute this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking & declaring void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Lydia Trotter do hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th day of March, 1909,

Lydia Trotter (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Lydia Trotter to be her last will & testament in the presence of us, who at her request & in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

J. L. Hassell
H. D. Bateman.

(over)

State of North Carolina,

Washington County, }

In the Superior Court,

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Lydia Trotter deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Annie Trotter Owens, the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Lydia Trotter, by the oath and examination of J. L. Hassell & H. D. Bateman, 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 Lydia Trotter; that the said Lydia Trotter, 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 20th day of March, 1909.

And this Deponent further saith, that the said Lydia Trotter, 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 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 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 Lydia Trotter was of sound mind and memory, of full age & executed a Will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent; And further these deponents say noth.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed, } J. L. Hassell
this 30 day of Oct., 1913, before me. } H. D. Bateman,
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 Lydia Trotter, deceased. And said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed, this 30 day of Oct. 1913.
Clerk Superior Court.

Personally appeared before me this day Annie Trotter Owens, who qualified as executrix to the foregoing will by taking and subscribing to the oath prescribed in the qualification of Executors, this 28th day of Oct. 1913. C. W. Bateman, C. C.