

North Carolina, Washington County.

I, Josephine Williams, of Washington County, North Carolina, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament:

Item I. 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 moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Item II. I give and devise to my beloved son, Joseph Williams, for the period of his natural life, and at his death to his children, that part of the lands where I now live which is bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning on the Main Road at Bull Run Arch; thence running eastwardly along the main road approximately two hundred and five yards to a gum on the east side of that ditch where there was formerly an arch, and which is the second ditch approached in going from my house to the Bull Run Arch; thence running southwardly to my back line at the swamp; thence westwardly to the Davis Canal; thence northwardly up the Davis Canal and the Bull Run Ditch to the main road and the beginning.

Item III. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Joseph Williams, the sum of Fifty Dollars.

Item IV. I give and devise to my beloved husband, John Williams, for his use during the period of his natural life, a one-third interest in all the farm where I now live; except that part devised to my son, Joseph, in Item II.

Item V. I give and bequeath to my beloved husband, John Williams, for his use during the period of his natural life, jointly with my daughter, Gladys, a one-half interest in all my household and kitchen furniture.

Item VI. I give and devise to my beloved daughter, Gladys Spruill, for the period of her natural life, and at her death to her children, all of the farm where I now live; except that part devised to my son Joseph, in Item II; and subject to a life estate of my husband, John Williams, in a one-half interest thereof as devised in Item IV.

Item VII. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Gladys Spruill, all of my household and kitchen furniture; subject to a one-half interest thereof of my husband for his natural life as bequeathed in Item V.

Item VIII. After the payment of all my funeral expenses and just debts, and the fulfillment of the bequests hereinbefore made, I give and bequeath to my faithful and trusted friend, D. E. Stodley, all the money, stocks bonds and other securities which I may own up to and not exceeding an amount which will yield at the time of my death a clear annual income of five hundred dollars, upon the trusts and for the uses and purposes following, that is to say, viz.: My will and desire is that my friend, D. E. Stodley, shall, as he may deem wise and best, invest the property to him under this item bequeathed, and out of the interest and profits arising therefrom; first, pay all taxes and other expenses due thereon and incurred in handling the same, and second, to pay the remaining profits annually to my husband, John Williams, during his lifetime, and upon the death of my husband to pay the said remaining profits annually to my daughter, Gladys, and upon the death of my daughter Gladys, to pay the principal sum or so much thereof as there may then be remaining, if any, to her children, share and share alike; and my foremost will and desire, to which the foregoing shall at all times be subject and upon which the fulfillment of the foregoing shall at all times be dependent, is that my friend, D. E. Stodley, shall, whenever in his opinion and discretion my beloved daughter, Gladys, is in need of financial aid or help, pay to her or to some other person for her benefit any part or all of the said funds or property under this item bequeathed, including both the principal sum and interest and profits accrued thereon.

Item IX. I give, bequeath and devise all the net and residue of my estate to my husband, John Williams, my son Joseph Williams, and my daughter Gladys Spruill, in equal proportions, share and share alike.

Item X. I hereby constitute and appoint my trusted friend, D. E. Stodley, 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 heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I, the said Josephine Williams, do hereunto sign my name and affix my seal, this 26th day of March, 1925.

Josephine Williams, (Seal)

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Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Josephine Williams to be her 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.

J. F. Belanga, Lenoir, N.C.

M. V. Woodley, Lenoir, N.C.

North Carolina,
Washington County,

In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk.

In the matter of the will of Josephine Williams, deceased.

The paper writing hereto attached and purporting to be the last will and testament of Josephine Williams, deceased, is exhibited before the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, North Carolina, by D. E. Woodley, the executor therein named, and thereupon the following proof thereof is taken by the oath and examination of J. F. Belanga, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, as follows:

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J. F. Belanga, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a subscribing witness to the said paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Josephine Williams, and that he saw her execute the writing as her last will and testament, and that affiant attested it in the presence and at the request of said Josephine Williams, deceased; and that at the time of its execution said Josephine Williams was, in affiant's opinion, of sound mind, and disposing memory. Affiant further swears that M. V. Woodley, the other subscribing witness to said will, signed the same as a witness in the presence of affiant, and that affiant saw him sign the same, and that said M. V. Woodley is now dead; that he knows the handwriting of the said Josephine Williams and of the said M. V. Woodley, having often seen them write and that the name of the said Josephine Williams subscribed to the said will is in the genuine handwriting of said Josephine Williams, and that the name of the said M. V. Woodley subscribed as a witness to the will is in the genuine handwriting of said M. V. Woodley.

J. F. Belanga,

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of March, 1932.

C. D. W. Tinsboro,

Clerk Superior Court of Washington County.

And thereupon it is considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Josephine Williams, deceased, and it is ordered that the same, with the foregoing examination and this certificate, be recorded and filed.

This 11th day of March, 1932,

C. D. W. Tinsboro,

Clerk Superior Court of
Washington County.