

Know all men by these presents, that I, E. R. Benham, of the County of Yadkin and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

I give and bequeath to my two grand daughters, Be Lita and Lizzie W. Benham, all property, lands, houses, tenements each and every thing that is by me owned, unto them to be theirs. If one of them should die before they arrived to maturity the surviving sister to have all, be the heir, if both should be taken from this world before they had legal heirs, then I would wish that the children of my Bro. E. J. Bowers, and Ida Holden should have what belongs to me, as my nearest relations.

I furthermore wish and request that my executor and administrator shall hold and manage this property to the best advantage for the dear children, not put it in the hands of their Guardian, but keep it in their own hands until the children shall arrive at an age that they can manage it, or marry and have some one that is interested to assist them, then I trust all will be right.

I hereby ordain and appoint J. S. Blywell and J. H. Gray, as my executor and Administrators of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and declare, this to be my last will and testament, in the presence of the witnesses named below.

E. R. Benham *test*

Witness:

John H. Ball.

J. A. Atkins.

Probate.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court.
Yadkin County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of E. R. Benham, deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Be Lita B. Davis, and the due execution thereof by the said E. R. Benham by the oath and examination of John H. Ball and J. A. Atkins, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both 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 E. R. Benham, that the said E. R. Benham 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 25th day of July, 1886.

And the deponent further saith, that the said E. R. Benham, 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 subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said E. R. Benham 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.

John H. Ball

J. A. Atkins

Solemnly sworn and subscribed, this 2 day of May 1904, before me.

W. A. Hall, Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina }
Yadkin 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 E. R. Benham deceased. Let the said will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 2 day of May, 1904.

W. A. Hall, Clerk
Superior Court.

Yadkinville, N.C.

April 23-04.

I desire the following distribution of my life insurance and all other possessions after my death and leave this as my will:

P. J. Royall Blay County, Kas. \$2500; Nancy Jane Gundersen, Chestnut Ridge, N.C. 2500; Wm. Royall, Chestnut Ridge, N.C. 7500; G. B. Royall, Chestnut Ridge, N.C. 2500; John Ashberry Royall, Chestnut Ridge, N.C. 2500; Mary Ellen Radd, Statesville, N.C. 2500. The balance of all moneys and possessions to Dr. M. A. Royall, Yadkinville, N.C., who will bear my burial expenses & pay the debts shown on statement attached to this will. Insurance money is to be collected by above named Dr. M. A. Royall, whom I hereby name as my Administrator.

Walter B. Royall

Witness:

B. J. Meek.

Probate

North Carolina }
Yadkin County } In Superior Court.

In the matter of the last will & testament of Walter B. Royall, deceased }
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Walter B. Royall, deceased }
B. Royall produced in open court and the following proceedings had.

H. B. Nelson, M. W. Mackie and John W. Pass, each being by me duly sworn, depose and say, that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of Walter B. Royall, deceased and that they each for themselves, do further swear that they and each of them do verily believe that the paper writing produced as the last will and testament of the said Walter B. Royall is in the hand writing of the said Walter B. Royall, each and every part thereof, including the signature at the end of said will.

Sworn & subscribed to
before me, this May 7, 1904
W. A. Hall, csc }

John W. Pass
H. B. Nelson
M. W. Mackie

North Carolina }
Yadkin County } In Superior Court.

B. J. Meek being duly sworn says that the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Walter B. Royall, deceased, was handed to him by the said testator and at his request was signed by him the said B. J. Meek as a subscribing witness thereto in the presence of and at the request of the said testator; that the said testator asked the affiant to get him his coat which was in the room with him and the affiant did so and the testator took the afore said paper writing from a pocket of said coat and handed it to the affiant who signed the same at said testator's request and after signing the same this affiant put said paper in an envelope out of which it came and put it back into his coat pocket where it was found after his death with other valuable papers.

B. J. Meek

Sworn & subscribed to before
me, this May 7th, 1904
W. A. Hall, csc }

North Carolina }
Yadkin County } In Superior Court.

Upon the evidence of the foregoing witnesses, it is adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Walter B. Royall, deceased. Let the said will together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This May 7, 1904.

W. A. Hall, csc.