

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

A paper purporting to be a first Codicil of John M. Gester deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by E. J. Carter the executer thereon mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John M. Gester by his oath and examination of D. W. Gester and W. B. Manry the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be a Codicil to the last will and Testament of John M. Gester that the said John M. Gester in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1915 and this deponent further saith that the said John M. Gester the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and Testament and this deponent did then upon 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 deponents subscribing their names as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said John M. Gester 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.

Sincerely sworn and  
subscribed this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of May 1921 before  
me J. C. Carter  
Clerk Superior Court

D. W. Gester  
W. B. Manry

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A paper writing purporting to be the last & second Codicil to the last will and Testament of John M. Gester deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by E. J. Carter the executer thereon mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John M. Gester by the oath and examination of D. W. Gester and W. B. Manry the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last & second Codicil to will and Testament of John M. Gester that the said John M. Gester 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1920.

And this deponent further saith that the said John M. Gester the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so 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 Codicil 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 deponents subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said John M. Gester 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.

Sincerely sworn and subscribed this 23 day of May 1921 before me J. C. Carter Clerk Superior Court

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W. B. Manry

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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 John M.  
Jester deceased. Let said will, together with the probate  
be recorded and filed.

This 23 day of May 1921

J. L. Crater  
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina Surry County.

I John McDear 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  
First, My Executor hereafter named shall give my body a  
decent burial, suitable to the worth of my friends and pay  
all funeral expenses together with all my just debts, and  
of the first money which may come into his hands  
belonging to my estate.

Second, I give and devise to my beloved wife Maryann  
the tract of land on which I now reside containing  
Three Hundred acres, more or less, lying on the  
waters of Stewart Creek, and adjoining the lands of  
Nesley Stooten, Frank Parker, Edward McKinney and  
others, for her natural life, in satisfaction of  
her Lawyer and Thirds in all my lands.

Third, I further give and bequeath to my beloved  
wife above named all of my personal prop-  
erty, Money, Notes, Mortgages and personal prop-  
erty that I may be possessed of at my death  
and all the Crops on the plantation wherein  
I now live, and all the provisions are  
laid at the time of my death.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Sarah D. Doss, all of my tract of land, lying  
and lying in the County of Yadkin N.C.  
adjoining the lands of Vestal and Jester, known  
as the Hampton place, and I further give to  
my daughter Sarah D. Doss, all of my  
houses and lots of land situated in the  
town of Mt Airy N.C. to have and to hold  
to herself and her heirs in fee simple.

Fifth, My will and desire is that all the residue  
of my estate if any after taking out the debts  
and legacies above mentioned, shall be sold  
and the debts owing to me collected, and if  
there should be any surplus over and  
above the payment of debts, expenses and