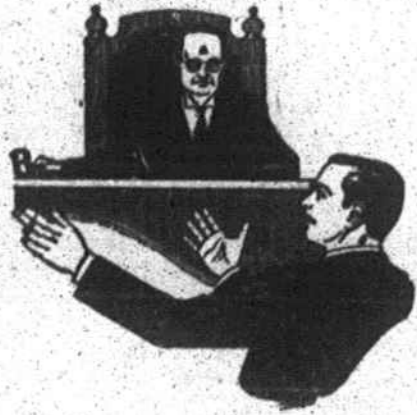


THIS IS THE LAW



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A will is a writing or expression by which a person makes disposition of his property—both real and personal—after his death. The right to make a will is not a natural one, but is accorded the individual by law.

A will, of course, has no effect until the death of the person making it. Thus, it may be changed, or even destroyed, by the maker in any manner he desires before death.

A person under 21 can NOT make a valid will in N. C. So, if an individual say 18 years old, signed a paper which he intended to be his will, it would have no effect at all in the eyes of the law.

His property would be distributed according to the North Carolina laws which come into play when one dies without a will.

THREE KINDS

The law recognizes three kinds of wills in N. C. They are called (in order of frequency of use):

1. Attested (witnessed) will; it must be signed by the person making it, or someone in his presence and by his direction for him, and by AT LEAST two persons as witnesses, in the presence of the will-maker (at his request) and in the presence of each other. It would be smart to have more than two witnesses and to ask persons younger than the will-maker to

serve as witnesses.

2. Holographic will; must be entirely in the handwriting of the will-maker and signed by him and found among his "valuable papers" after his death, or given to someone to keep for him. Such a will, written on cheap, lined paper and found in the overall of a farmer after his death along with certain receipts and a pocketknife, was held by the N. C. Supreme Court to be a valid holographic will.

3. Nuncupative will; a death-bed oral statement which is good to pass personal property only. This kind of will is rare. A person on his death bed and actually about to die, could not use this kind of will to give his house or farm to a loved one. He could, however, use it to indicate his wishes for distribution of his auto, electric razor, horses, pig-plows and other personal belongings.

Any written will should be very carefully prepared for a number of reasons. Not the least of these is the fact that unless it meets minimum legal requirements, the law will strike it down as no will at all. Then the writer's property would be distributed according to law and not according to his own wishes. Because the amount of tax upon the estate and the surviving beneficiaries of a will may be determined by the manner in which the will is drawn, in most cases it is better to consult an attorney. A person can draw his own will, of course, if he believes himself sufficiently familiar with legal requirements.

All wills in North Carolina must be "probated" before the Clerk of Superior Court after the death of the property owner. Only after probate can the property be distributed as directed by the will.

Of course, a person can destroy his will or change it before his death. If he wishes to change or add to it, he must either destroy the old will and start over again, or make what the law calls a "codicil," or addition to the original writing. This "codicil," however, in order to be effective, must be signed and witnessed according to the same rules that apply to making the will itself.

MA CAN. PA CAN'T

A married woman can make a will in N. C. disposing of ALL her property (to the exclusion of her husband), if she likes. Her husband, while she lives as his wife, can NOT do the same to her. This odd fact in the law is true because a husband, in North Carolina, can do nothing to defeat his widow's right to "dower," or a certain portion of his property during her lifetime. While the husband, who survives a woman who died without a will, has a lifetime right

Rambling Sketches Of Oak Grove News
By Mrs. William Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis of Gastonia were the Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Ware and Jimmy.

Mrs. Ann McSwain and Mrs. Mayme Gibbons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Canipe. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pryor of Kings Mountain were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Jasper Philbeck, Mr. Philbeck, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Wright and children and Mrs. Laura Wolfe were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bell and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wright had as their Sunday afternoon guests, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Scism and son, David of Patterson Grove.

Misses Sue Barrett, Peggy Ross, Orangel Parrish, and Gaynell Scruggs of Kings Mountain, and Miss Annette Ware were recent guests of Miss Betty Lou Philbeck.

Mrs. Ann McSwain, Mrs. Gladys Thornburg and son, Dwan, Mrs. Helen Patterson and Nancy were Wednesday guests of the scribe and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and daughter, Nancy, were the Sunday guests of Mrs. E. M. Wright of Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis of Gastonia and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Ware and son, Jimmy, visited friends in Greenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ware were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and children of Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Owens and daughters, Ann and Sue, of Kings Mountain were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bell and son, Dennis, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bell of Swainsville were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bell and children.

Miss Annette Ware is ill. Mrs. Eva Patterson, Mrs. Margaret Thornburg of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Helen Hamrick of Patterson Grove were Wednesday spend-the-day guests of Mrs. Rosa Lee Bell.

(known as "courtesy") in all the separate property of his departed wife, the wife can defeat her husband's right by will or other disposal of her property.

The wife's "dower" right can be stopped by her own misconduct or abandonment of her mate.

Cherryville Class To Repeat Musical

Due to popular demand, the students of Cherryville High School will again present the musical production, "Women Are Here To Stay."

The performance will take place in the Starnes Auditorium

on Saturday night, April 10, at 8 o'clock. The girls have continued to work on the musical, and plan to make this Saturday night's performance even better than the first one, which was enthusiastically received by a packed house.

Admission will be 50 cents for adults, and 25 cents for students.

Girl Scout News

Brownie Troop 32 of Presbyterian church held their regular meeting April 1 in the recreation building.

Every one enjoyed making monkeys from peanuts and pipe cleaners. Later all went outside

and played games. One of the most played games was jump rope.

A goodbye circle was made and all members sang "Taps" together.

Marian Plonk, Reporter
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25-Ft. Roll **25c**

Orleans — Horse Meat
Dog Food 1-Lb. Can **19c**

Woodbury
Facial Soap 2 Reg. Bars **17c**

Jane Parker April Values!

Jane Parker Strawberry
PIE --- 8-Inch Pie **49c**

Jane Parker Cake
Spanish Bar --- Each **29c**

Jane Parker Cinnamon
Breakfast Rolls Pkg. **25c**

Jane Parker
White Bread --- 1-Lb. Loaf **14c**
Jane Parker
Dessert Shells Pkg. of 6 **20c**

Ivory Soap 3 Med. Bars **25c**

Ivory Snow Large Pkg. **29c**

Wesson Oil PL. Bot. **35c** Qt. Bot. **67c**

Snowdrift 1-Lb. Tin **32c** 3-Lb. Tin **87c**

P&G Soap 3 Lge. Bars **25c**

All Detergent 24-Oz. Pkg. **39c**

Cashmere Bouquet
SOAP 3 Reg. Bars **25c**

2 Bath Bars **23c**

Palmolive
SOAP 3 Reg. Bars **25c**

2 Bath Bars **23c**

Strietman's 1 lb. Box
Graham Crackers **33c**

2 lb. Cello
Pinto Beans **27c**

Wilson's 12 oz. can
Chopped Beef **35c**

Jane Parker—Vanilla — Choc. — St. Berry—Orange
COOKIES—7 1/4 oz. pkg. **19c**

Ann Page 12 oz. Jar 24 oz. Jar
Grape Jelly ... **17c** **33c**

Ann Page
MAYONNAISE—quart **55c**

Ann Page
Sparkle Gelatine—4 pkgs. ... **25c**

Nutley
Oleomargarine—1 lb. **19c**

Sunrise or Coble Cultured
Butter Milk—quart **17c**

Burry's
Vanilla Waters—8 oz. pkg. ... **19c**

Nice Tender Ears
Yellow Corn --- 4 Ears **23c**

Juicy Florida
Grapefruit --- 8 Lb. Bag **32c**
Crisp Stalks—3 Doz. Size
Green Celery --- Stalk **12c**
Filled With Juice
Florida Oranges --- 8 Lb. Bag **33c**
Idaho — Baking
Potatoes --- 10 Lb. Bag **63c**
Red Bliss Potatoes --- 10 Lb. Bag **57c**
Crisp Red Radishes --- 2 Lb. Bag **19c**

Sunshine
Cheez-Its 6-Oz. Pkg. **19c**

Walker Austex
Beef Stew 15-Oz. Can **27c**

Nabisco Vanilla
Wafers 12-Oz. Pkg. **33c**

Walker Austex
Tamales 15-Oz. Can **23c**

Tide Lge. Pkg. **29c** Qt. Pkg. **65c**

Cheer Lge. Pkg. **29c** Qt. Pkg. **69c**

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