

1934 WILL OF MRS. JEREMIAH BRADSHER STANFIELD (Minerva Catherine Fox)
(TRANSCRIPT)¹

NORTH CAROLINA)
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PERSON COUNTY)

I, Mrs. J. B. Stanfield, being of sound mind and health, but realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do hereby made [sic] and publish my last will and testament.

1. First of all I do commit my body and soul to the God who granted me life, with an expression of gratefulness for the granting to me by Him of a long span of life upon this earth.

2. As soon as possible after my death I wish my executor to pay all my valid debts, including my funeral expenses and the cost of a suitable stone to be placed at my grave after my death.

3. After the payment of my just debts I give, devise, and bequeath all of the property which I may own at the time of my death, whether the same be real, personal, or mixed, in fee simple absolute, share and share alike, to my daughters, Nettie, now Mrs. Dallas S. Long, Stella, now Mrs. W. W. Frederick, to my son, L. G. Stanfield, and to the children of my son, Walter Stanfield, viz: Jerry, Dorothy, Harold and Gloria Stanfield and Alice Stanfield Featherston, my said grandchildren to have a one-fourth interest in my estate and the said one-fourth interest to be divided between them equally. That is to say that I wish all of my estate divided in four equal shares between Mrs. Nettie Long, Mrs. Stella Frederick, L. G. Stanfield and the children of Walter Stanfield. If any of said three children of mine shall die before I do said child's share shall go to the surviving child or children of any such child, if any, and if there is no surviving child or children such share [sic] shall be divided equally between the other legatees named herein. If any of the children of Walter Stanfield should die before I do such child's interest in my estate shall go to the surviving children of Walter Stanfield.

4. Out of the bequest and devise to children of Walter Stanfield I wish my executor to purchase a suitable stone to be placed at the grave of Walter Stanfield if this has not been done at the time of my death, the nature and quality of the stone to be left entirely in the discretion of my said executor. The cost of the stone shall be deducted from the estate acquired by the children of Walter Stanfield under this testament. I do hereby name and constitute their mother, Mrs. Beulah Stanfield and Jerry Stanfield, their brother, as guardians of any of the children of Walter Stanfield who may be minors at my death, and do authorize them to take full charge of and administer any estate which may be received by such minors under this testament. I do authorize said guardians to expend not only the income from such estate but the corpus of such estate for the care and education of their wards, if in their opinion the expenditure of the corpus or a part thereof will be most beneficial to their wards.

5. I have not made any bequest or devise to my children, Ira Stanfield and Valeria (Mrs. George E.) Harris, for the reason that they

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sold their entire interest in the estate of their father, J. B. Stanfield, my late husband, to my son Raney Stanfield, now deceased. After Raney's death I purchased from his widow his entire interest in the estate of my late husband, the same being a three-eighths interest, viz: his own eighth interest and that of Ira and Valeria. For all of these years Ira and Valeria have had the use of the proceeds of the sale of their interest in the estate while the legatees named herein have had no benefit from the estate and have permitted me to use their interests as well as the interest acquired by me for my own benefit. I feel that the use of the interests of the legatees herein named partly enabled me to purchase what I now own in the estate of J. B. Stanfield and accordingly this testament makes a fair and equitable disposition of my estate. Of course the share of my deceased daughter, Mrs. Corinna Critcher, in her father's estate will pass according to law.

6. I do name and constitute my faithful son, L. G. Stanfield, as executor of this instrument and do thereby clothe him with all the powers and rights of such office. I do direct him to bring about as speedy a settlement of my estate as is possible. For the satisfaction of all legatees herein named I desire my executor to make full accounting to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County in all matters respecting the administration of my estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and affixed my seal, this _____ day of December, 1934.²

Mrs. J. B. Stanfield (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, and declared by Mrs. J. B. Stanfield to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have affixed our names as witnesses thereto.

B. E. Love³

D. S. Brooks⁴

² Day of month left blank in the original.

³ Family physician.

⁴ President Bank of Roxboro.