STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
In The General Court Of Justice
SWAIN County

CERTIFICATE OF TRUE COPY

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

As a Clerk of the Superior Court of this County, State of North Carolina, I certify that the attached copies of the documents described below are true and accurate copies of the originals now on file in this office.

Number And Description Of Attached Documents:

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM D. PATTON

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE

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SEAL

Witness my hand and the seal of the Superior Court

Date
04/05/2022

Clerk Of Superior Court
MISTI W. JONES

Name Of Undersigned Clerk (type or print)
GWEN LINDSAY

Signature Gwen Lindsay

☐ *Deputy CSC* ☒ *Assistant CSC* ☐ *Clerk Of Superior Court*

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No. 20-E-120

Swain County

In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before The Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

Name Of Decedent
William D. Patton

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE

Date Of Purported Will
07/17/2018

G.S. 28A-2A-6

Date(s) Of Codicil(s)

A paper-writing dated as indicated above, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament or codicil(s) thereto of the above-named decedent, has been exhibited before me. Sufficient proof of the due execution thereof has been taken in the self-proving paper-writing or as set forth in the accompanying affidavits which are incorporated and made a part hereof.

It is adjudged that the paper-writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament or codicil(s) thereto of the decedent, and the same is ordered admitted to probate.

Date
12/08/2020

Signature
Kristi W. Jones

☐ *Assistant CSC* ☒ *Clerk Of Superior Court*

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Last Will and Testament

OF

WILLIAM D. PATTON

I, WILLIAM D. PATTON, of the County of Swain, State of North Carolina, do hereby revoke all former Wills and Codicils heretofore made by me and do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT in manner and form as follows:

ITEM ONE

I direct that all of my just debts, funeral expenses, administrative expenses, and any and all inheritance or estate taxes which may be assessed against my estate be paid by my Executrix or Executor hereinafter named, as soon as practical after my death.

ITEM TWO

I will, devise and bequeath all of my real property situate in the State of Tennessee unto my daughter, MARY LISA HARPER, absolutely and in fee simple.

ITEM THREE

I will, devise and bequeath a life estate unto my wife, HARRIETT C. PATTON, in all of my antique furniture located in my home for and during her natural life.

I will, devise and bequeath a remainder interest unto my

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daughter, MARY LISA HARPER, in all of my antique furniture located in my home to begin at the termination of said life estate.

ITEM FOUR

I will, devise and bequeath all the rest and remainder of my property of every sort, kind and description, both real and personal, tangible and intangible and wheresoever situate unto my wife, HARRIETT C. PATTON, absolutely and in fee simple.

ITEM FIVE

If my wife, HARRIETT C. PATTON, be not living at the time of my death, then and in that event, I will, devise and bequeath all the rest and remainder of my property of every sort, kind and description, both real and personal, tangible and intangible and wheresoever situate unto MARY LISA HARPER, MICHAEL CROCKETT HIGHTOWER, STEVEN BALUX HIGHTOWER AND PAUL EDWARD HIGHTOWER, in equal shares, absolutely and in fee simple.

ITEM SIX

I constitute and appoint my wife, HARRIETT C. PATTON, as the Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, and if my said wife be unwilling or unable to serve as Executrix, then and in that event I constitute and appoint my stepson, MICHAEL CROCKETT HIGHTOWER, to be the Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

And I do hereby give and grant unto my said Executrix or Executor all of those powers contained in North Carolina General Statutes Section 32-27 and those powers are intended to be in addition to and not in substitution of the powers conferred by law.

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And I do further direct that my said Executrix or Executor shall serve without the necessity of giving any bond or other legal surety whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, WILLIAM D. PATTON, have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my Last Will and Testament on this the 17th day of July 2018 and being first duly sworn, do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that I sign and execute this instrument as my Last Will and that I sign it willingly, that I execute it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed, and that I am eighteen years of age or older, of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence.

Wm. D. Patton (SEAL)

We, Elizabeth Brigham, and MARY Z. DANIELS, the witnesses, sign our names to this instrument, being duly sworn, and do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that the Testator signs and executes this instrument as his Last Will and that he signs it willingly, and that each of us in the presence and hearing of the Testator hereby sign this Will as witness to the Testator's signing, and that to the best of our knowledge the Testator is eighteen years of age or older, of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence.

Elizabeth Brigham
Witness

Mary Z Daniels
Witness

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF SWAIN

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by WILLIAM D. PATTON, the Testator, and subscribed and sworn to before me by Elizabeth Brigham and MARY Z. DANIELS, witnesses, this 17th day of July 2018.

Ann W. Jensen
Notary's signature

(Notary's seal)

Ann W. Jensen
Notary's printed name

10-16-2021
Date Notary's Commission Expires

ANN W. JENSEN NOTARY PUBLIC SWAIN COUNTY, N.C.

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