

On motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jonathan Jones was propounded for probate by Amos L. Jones, one of the executors therein named and the due execution thereof being proved by the oath of Peter Cain and C. M. Cain the subscribing witnesses thereto the same is admitted, to probate and it is further ordered that the said executor therein named having now duly qualified receive letters testamentary from this court.

August 20th, 1873.

E. Sanders Singletery
Judge of Probate

You swear that you believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Jonathan Jones, deceased, and that you will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies, as far as the said estate shall extend or the law shall charge you, and that you will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in you and according to law, so help you God.

A. L. Jones.

I B. A. Thompson of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say
First that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts whatsoever, and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
Secondly I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Jane Thompson all my property both real and personal for and during the term of her natural life to dispose of as she sees proper after the payment of all my just debts.
Third. After the decease of my beloved wife Mary Jane Thompson my will and desire is that my daughter Henrietta shall have five cents and the residue if any be equally divided among the rest of my children share and share alike.
Fourth and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend B. A. Thompson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said B. A. Thompson do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of June A.D. 1873.
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said B. A. Thompson to be his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. B. A. Thompson
Jonathan Cashwell
J. H. Smith

State of North Carolina } By Probate Court
Bladen County } The 13th April 1874
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin A. Thompson, decd., is exhibited for probate in open court by G. H. Thompson, the executor therein named, and the due execution by the said Benjamin A. Thompson is proven by the oaths and examination of A. H. Smith and Jonathan Caswell, the subscribing witnesses thereto, it is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Benjamin A. Thompson and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and thereupon the said Zacharia G. Thompson, executor aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

E. Singletary
Judge of Probate.

Raiford
Fisher
will 1874

In the name of God Amen
I Raiford Fisher of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do hereby make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say
First After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit: after the death of my beloved wife the land and appurtenances situated thereon known and described as follows the one half next the county line known as the Anders land on the public road Second tract in Toler Swamp four hundred and fifty acres Third tract known as the Arthur Melvin land adjoining said Swamp and P. P. Collins containing one and

J. E. Brady wrote copy of will of Raiford Fisher -
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twenty-four acres. Fourth tract being and lying in the county of Sampson on the south side of Little Cahary known as the Battler lands the upper part, not divided off containing one hundred and ninety acres to my children now living or to my children or their heirs who may be living at the time of my or my beloved wife's decease to be divided equally between them share and share alike. Likewise I make constitute and appoint my said sons Raywood Fisher and John M. Fisher to be executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former instruments in writing by me made. In witness whereof I have herewith subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 24th day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Raiford Fisher 

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Raiford Fisher in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses thereto, interlined before signed
Test

M. W. Fisher
Maurice Hall
Susan A. Shaggard

Substance of Testimony in proof of Raiford Fisher's, decd. will.

Maurice Hall & Susan A. Shaggard being sworn say: Raiford Fisher is dead and that the attached will is the identical paper writing that we saw Raiford Fisher sign - and that to the best of our knowledge he was in his right mind that he was a resident of Bladen county that the will was interlined before we subscribed