

RECORD OF WILLS.

Two Hundred dollars, be raised out of my personal estate and then equally divided between my son Shadrach Hooten and Harriette A. Hooten. For the purpose of Completing their education.

Item

It is my Will and desire that after my death unto whom I have made advances of property have accounted for the same in the division. Then it is my Will that they all share and share alike in the division of my Personal Estate.

Lastly

I hereby Nominate and Constitute my beloved wife Elizabeth Hooten, Executor, and my brother Richard Hooten Co-Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

Shadrach Hooten. Seal.

Signed Sealed published and declared to be my last Will and Testament the 17th day of August 1848.

In the presence of
Sam. J. McCall.
John, A. Hooten
Dugack Blue

November Term 1848

The within last Will and Testament of Shadrach Hooten was duly proved in open Court and ordered to be recorded.

Test. R. H. Robinson. Clerk.

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I Charles S. Shupman of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit.

1st That my Executor shall pay all funeral expenses to be paid with my just debts, Burial and to whomsoever coming out of the monies that may first come into his hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

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I give and bequeath unto my most excellent wife Sarah Jane, all my estate both Real and Personal to be entirely at her disposal, with the exception however after provided, desiring and trusting that she will do me it that it will be to the mutual benefit of herself and my dear children, Mary Eliza, Mary McNeill, Sarah Rebecca, and Eliza Ann, also desiring that at the proper time she will make such arrangements, to them, as prudence may dictate always bearing in mind that it is my wish that all my children, shall receive equal, her portion equal shares, provided nevertheless that should she choose to marry again, then and in that case, it is my desire and Will that my Estate be divided according to the Laws of North Carolina with the following exceptions, to wit

That in addition to the share of my beloved wife she shall have and be put in the possession of my man Adam, my blooded mare Shuttla, the Family Carriage, all the plate, the side board, the Books, with all the other Household and Kitchen Furniture.

Item

I give and bequeath to my aged, Grandfather, John Wingate, during his Natural life the following Negroes to wit, John and Lophney, to wait and attend on him, in any way that he may require, to revert to my Wife and Children after his death.

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And whereas one of my children are minors, my Will and desire is that my Wife is hereby made and appointed Guardian of them, to have to her the Custody and Management of them.

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Their respective persons and estates and provided also that in the event of their death or dying again I constitute and appoint Robert McRae as of Brunswick County and in the event of his death I appoint Dr. William Anders, to have and to hold the Guardianship and the Custody both of their respective persons and Estates, until they the said Mary Eliza Hayes McNeill, Sarah Harcas, and Eliza Ann, shall severally arrive at the full age of twenty one years.

Now

It is my Will and desire that the Guardian to my Children give to each of them as liberal an education as their means will admit of without squandering their estate.

Now

It is my Will and I hereby declare that no part or portion shall be rented of my lands, either directly or indirectly by my Wife or any other person who may act as Guardian, to my children And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Sarah Jane, Executors and my beloved friends James C. Kelly and Oliver Rice, Executors 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 declaring this the only Will and testament ever made by me.

In Witness whereof I the said Hayes J. Shipman do hereunto set my hand and seal. This 2nd day of November A.D. 1844 -

H. J. Shipman Seal

November Term 1845

It appearing to the Court by the oath of H. D. McNeill and Thomas M. Kelly, that the within paper writing was from among the valuable papers of Hayes J. Shipman deceased to wit: Envelopes and sealed, and locked up in a chest containing the deceased's books and papers, and that the said Hayes J. Shipman

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J. Shipman it is ordered that the same be admitted to probate, as the last Will and testament of the said Hayes J. Shipman. Whereupon it is proven in open Court by the oath of William D. McNeill, Thomas M. Kelly, Hayes L. Linn and Colin Monroe, four credible witnesses that the dead writing of the said Hayes J. Shipman, is generally known by the acquaintances of them the said Hayes J. Shipman, and that the within last Will and testament and every part thereof including the signature of him the said Hayes J. Shipman in the places where the same is signed and written is in the hand writing of him the said Hayes J. Shipman.

It is further ordered that the within Will together with this Certificate be recorded.

In the Name of God, Amen
I, John C. Porter of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God do this the 1st day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Forty Five, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say -

First I direct that my body be decently interred and my spirit I commit to God who is true.

And as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with I direct of the same as follows.

I direct that all my just debts and