

North Carolina } In Probate Court
Bladen County } 4 Sept. 1892

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Beard, decd., is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said county by William A. Melvin the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Beard by the oath and examination of James Melvin one of the witnesses to said will the other witness Owen Smith being dead, and the due execution of the codicil to the said will by the oath and examination of D. M. Melvin and R. A. Melvin the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and sayeth that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Beard and the codicil thereto that the said Elizabeth Beard in the presence of this defendant subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date the 25 day of May 1883, and to the said codicil the 16th day of April 1892 and the defendant further sayeth that the said Elizabeth Beard the testatrix aforesaid did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament and the deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will and said codicil as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix and the deponent further sayeth that at the said time when the said testatrix signed her name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Elizabeth Beard was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or

belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not. Severally sworn and subscribed this 4 Sept. 1892 before me
James Melvin
D. Blue
Judge of Probate

John W. Norton
Will

I, John W. Norton of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the certainty of death do make this 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 friends and relations and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, housewares and to whomsoever owing, out of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.
First: I give and devise to my beloved friend and relative, Mary Stubbs all the household and kitchen furniture, tools of all kinds, one cart, beehives and all the poultry and all the rents that may be derived from the turpentine trees and farm, lifetime right to the house where I now live. Second: I give and bequeath to my friend John H. Clark ten dollars for the benefit of White Plains Church. Third: I give and bequeath to David Hargrove two-thirds interest in all the lands that I may own at my death.
Fourth: I give to Sarah A. Benson one-third interest in my lands save the lifetime right which I have given to Mary Stubbs.
Fifth: I give to each of my other lawful heirs to be paid by my executor out of the real estate five dollars each, viz: Mary E. McNorton, Harriet E. McNorton, and Ann McNorton and lastly I appoint and constitute

friend John A. Edwards 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. In witness whereof I, the said John McNaughton do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19th day of March 1873.

Witness

D. J. Clark

Wm. J. Means

John McNaughton

State of North Carolina In Probate Court
Bladen County June 2nd 1873

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John McNaughton, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by John A. Edwards the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John McNaughton is proven by the oath and examination of D. J. Clark and William J. Means, 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 John McNaughton and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And therefore the said John A. Edwards, executor as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Erander Jingleary
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina In the name of God Amen
Bladen Co. I, Jonathan Jones of the county and State above named do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: After paying all my just debts and funeral expenses, living of sound mind and disposing of my soul and bequeath unto my dear and beloved wife Sarah Jones all my lands that I may be in possession of at my death, also all my personal property of every description at my death during her natural lifetime and at her death I give and bequeath to my son John T. Jones two hundred acres whereon I now live, except one half of the swamp that lies in said gum swamp which I give to my son Amos L. Jones also thirty acres being part of a thirty five acre tract to said John T. and Amos L. and all the rest of my lands at the death of my wife Sarah Jones to be sold and divided between my other children Nathan Henry Jones, Sarah J. Botdeaux, Charles M. Cashwell, Margaret A. Willis, Lucinda Jones, Clarisa Linear and also the personal property to be sold at my wife's death and equally divided between the said Nathan H. & Sarah J. Charlotte M. Margaret A. Lucinda, and Clarisa. I give my son Log Jones his share of my estate in land and I have hereby nominated, constituted and appointed my wife Sarah Jones my executor and my sons, Amos L. Jones and John T. Jones, executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me before made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 25th day of October 1866. Signed & sealed in presence of us who being requested by the testator to do the same

Test: Peter Cain
B. M. Cain
John Brett

J. Jones