

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 -
will 16. 4. 74.

Word

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

as witnesses = void

Substance of Testimony in Proof of Raiford Fisher Decd's Will.

Morris Hall and Susan A. Thaggard 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 as witnesses.

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We the undersigned executors of the last will and testament of Raiford Fisher, decd., do swear that we believe this paper writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Raiford Fisher, Decd., and that we 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 us and that we will well and faithfully execute the office of executors agreeable to the trust & confidence reposed in us agreeable to law. So help us God.

Signed Haywood Fisher
John R. Fisher.

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court Bladen County Nov 21st 1873

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Raiford Fisher, decd., is exhibited for probate in open court by Haywood Fisher and John R. Fisher executors therein named, and the execution thereof by the said Raiford Fisher is proved by the oath and examination of Morris Hall and Susan A. Thaggard, two of 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 Raiford

Fisher and the same is ordered to be read and filed, And thereupon the said Haywood Fisher and John R. Fisher, executors as aforesaid, duly qualified by taking the oath required by law.

Erander Singletary
Judge of Probate.

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I William Suggs of the State and county aforesaid being of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

1st I give that my executor hereinafter named shall have my body decently buried and pay all funeral expenses and all just debts out of the first money that may come into his hands.
2nd I give to my beloved wife Sarah Ann Suggs during her life and widowhood all the land that I bought from William W. Harvey that lies on the northeast side of Ellis creek, including all the improvements thereon - also all my stock of cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and bees, bed and bedsteads & furniture - my farming implements and tools of every description, one shot gun, bridles and saddles, one cart one buggy and harness, two wheels and cards, one loom and gear, house-hold and all my kitchen furniture. I further give to my wife all money belonging to me and all notes and accounts that may be due my estate.

3rd After the death or widowhood of my wife I give and bequeath to my daughter Belia Clain the lands purchased of W. W. Harvey lying on the northeast side of Ellis creek to her and her heirs forever upon her paying to Abbyon Suggs one hundred dollars in two years - And to my son Raiford Suggs his heirs and assigns I give and bequeath my just will with two hundred