

October Term 1860

State of North Carolina }
 Martin County }

In the name of God Amen

I John D. Latham of the aforesaid

State & County knowing the uncertainty of Life and the certainty of death being in perfect mind, unaffected by disease or otherwise do make this my last will & Testament. I then 1st I give all of my property of every description consisting of Lands, Negroes, Notes bonds &c. person & real to my beloved wife Sarah Francis Latham. 2nd I appoint the said Francis my executrix with leave to call to her aid any friends to assist her in her business affairs.

This my will to render null and void all other Wills, In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal in the presence of, this 1st September 1852

A. H. Coffield }
 J. W. Watts }

John D. Latham Test

North Carolina

Martin County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

October Term 1860

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of John D. Latham was exhibited in open Court and the due execution thereof proved by the oath of A. H. Coffield and J. W. Watts and the Court doth declare that the same is the last will & Testament of John D. Latham thereupon Sarah Francis Latham the executrix therein named appeared in open Court & qualified as executrix thereof according to Law. Ordered by the Court that this will and this probate be Recorded.

Wm. H. Harrell clerk

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In the Name of God, Amen, I John A. Gilbert of the County of Martin & State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this the twenty ninth day of Sept. in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say.

First I leave to my mother Sateen Gilbert during her natural life all of my Estate consisting of one Bay Mare, one Red & Sorrel, one Sow and Pigs, one note of hand against John M. Thord &c. And at the death of my said mother I give and bequeath to my Brother Jesse Gilbert the above property. And I hereby make and ordain my said Brother Jesse Gilbert executor of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said John A. Gilbert have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written

John A. Gilbert Dead
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Signed sealed published and declared by the said John A. Gilbert the testator as his last will & Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

J. S. Yarnell
 Noah Reddick

State of North Carolina

Martin County Court Octo Term 1860

The within and foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will and Testament of John A. Gilbert was exhibited in open Court for probate by Jesse Gilbert the Executor therein named and the due execution of the same was proved by oath of Noah Reddick and J. S. Yarnell the subscribing Witnesses thereupon Jesse Gilbert the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and qualified as such Thereupon the will and this Certificate was ordered to be Recorded

W. H. Harrell clerk