Probate of J. E. Barnhill's Will

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
October Term 1866

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of J. E. Barnhill was exhibited in open Court by A. H. Cobb and the Executor therein named and attended for probate & the due execution thereof was proved by the Oath of S. W. Cullens & J. H. Rhodes, the Subscribing Witnesses thereto - Whereupon the Court doth declare the same to be the last Will & Testament of J. E. Barnhill - On Motion ordered that the same be recorded - whereupon A. H. Cobb did appear in open Court and qualified as Executor thereto

"Will [redacted]

Spencer A. O. Daniel's Will

I Spencer A. O. Daniel of the County of Martin & State of N. C. do make & declare this my last Will & Testament - Viz. I give & bequeath to my beloved Wife all of my real, personal & mixed estate Viz the Land in which I now live & all my Negroes here, in Alabama, Arkansas & wherever else they may be found & also all of my Money, Notes, Bank Stock & accts &c to have & to hold during her life time & then to go to my Son Edgar if living - If my Son should die before his Mother, she is to have full right & title to said property I wish my Executors to set apart enough of my estate to give Edgar as good an education as the County will afford - It is my desire that my Executors purchase as soon as practicable a good comfortable farm in the Western part of the State and settle my Wife on it & provide for her every thing that is necessary for living & Carrying on a farm in a comfortable way; I wish the farm to be worth Eight or Ten thousand dollars - And Lastly I do hereby appoint & constitute my beloved Wife & trusty H. J. Stone my lawful executors to all intents & purposes to carry into effect this my last Will & Testament - In witness whereof I the said S. A. O. Daniel do hereunto set my hand & seal this 21st October 1863

"S. A. O. Daniel [Seal]

State of North Carolina, Martin County, Court of Pleas & Sessions
April Term 1864

Then was the foregoing paper writing without subscribing witness purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Spencer A. O. Daniel deceased exhibited for probate in open Court by Charity S. O. Daniel Executrix therein named, and it is therefore proved by the Oath & examination of Bryant Bennett that the said Will was found among the valuable papers of the said Spencer A. O. Daniel after his death and it is further proved by the Oath & examination of three Credible and Credetable Witnesses to wit Sam. W. Watts, L. L. Clements & Wm. T. Walden that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said deceased having often seen him write, and verily believe the name of the said deceased subscribed to the said Will and the said Will it self and every part thereof are in the hand writing of the said Spencer A. O. Daniel - It is therefore

Probate of S. A. O. Daniel's Will Continued

Considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of the said Spencer A. O. Daniel and the same is ordered to be recorded with this probate and filed -

Whereupon Charity S. O. Daniel the Executrix named came into open Court & qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by Law

W. H. Harrell Clk

William S. Williams' Will

In the name of God Amen. I William S. Williams of the State of North Carolina & County of Martin, being of sound mind & memory, but Considering my Mortality, do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say

First I lend to my dear wife Sally Ann Williams, all my estate real & personal during her natural life or Widowhood; to be used by her & for her sole use and benefit as long as she may live or remain unmarried, but in case of her marriage I desire my property to be equally divided between her & my children & she to receive a childs part, and at her death or with out marriage, I desire all my property to be equally divided between my children Elvira, William, Theodore, Henry and Richard (of the last named is living) and the same I do give & bequeath to them, their heirs & assigns in fee simple forever - except that Elvira shall give to her self & children not to her husband Hezekiah Lewis who is subject to his debts or Contracts, Second In the division of my estate as aforesaid Elvira Lewis is to be charged with five hundred dollars, bearing interest from the first day of March 1863 - for money which I have already given her - Third I nominate & appoint my friend Joseph D. Biggs Executor to this my last Will & Testament, who is requested to collect all debts due me & pay out all debts that I may owe to others, settle up my affairs generally & see that the provisions of this instrument be carried out - This the twenty eighth day of March Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred & sixty three

"W. S. Williams

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of
as and in the presence of each other who
witnessed the same at the testators request
and in his presence C. B. Hassell
J. R. Hubby

April Term 1864

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Wm. S. Williams was exhibited in open Court for probate & the due execution of the same proved by the Oath of C. B. Hassell & J. R. Hubby the Subscribing Witnesses thereto - Ordered by the Court that the Will & probate be recorded - Whereupon Joseph D. Biggs the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and relinquished his right & quality as Executor -