

in the said Commonwealth, duly Commissioned & constituted and that to their acts and attestations as such full faith and credit and due weight to be given in and out of Court.

The Signatures of said Judge and Register of Probate and of Insolencies I certify to be genuine.

In testimony of which I have herewith affixed the Seal of the Commonwealth, the date above written.



John W. Smith  
Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, December Term 1859.

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of John Watkinson, is exhibited in open Court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the same had been duly admitted to probate, in the probate Court, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is therefore ordered that the same with the several certificates thereto annexed be registered & filed.

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Stat. of Florida, Jefferson County

J. Charles Henry of the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover, being of sound mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human events, have concluded to make, & do hereby constitute, make and ordain this my last Will & Testament (viz.)

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. - To my beloved wife Elizabeth J. Henry, I give and bequeath so much of my real estate as may be necessary for her dower to be taken from the portion of my lands that are in North Carolina with the Domicil, the Household and Kitchen furniture, Carriage, Farming Utensils, Stock of all kinds be, and a child's portion or share of all the Negroes, I may die in possession of to be also taken from my Negroes that are in North Carolina.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. - To my children I give and bequeath the residue of my Estate, the Negroes to be equally divided between them as they become of age or are married, my Lands and Negroes in Florida with the Stock of all kinds, Farming instruments provisions be I desire to be kept together and conducted as it has been by myself until the fourth child becomes of age, when

portions for each that an of age may be taken from it by allotment, leaving the Demise and Farm Houses to the portions of the Estate that is left for the minors. The heirs as they become of age, to have also a distributive share of the perishable property as they obtain their shares of the Real Estate. The portion of Negroes that may be left in North Carolina, after taking my wife's portion I desire to be transferred to my farm in Fla. giving to my Executors a discretionary power if necessary, of changing or purchasing other Negroes when it may be to the interest of the Estate to do so. The balance of the Land in N. Carolina after deducting the Deeds to be sold and invested in Negroes or put at Interest at the direction of the Executors, and also the proceeds of ~~income~~ from my Estate in Florida, I desire to be invested in eight per cent. Bonds for the benefit of the children & divided equally at the time of their receiving their portion of the Real and perishable property, except so much as is necessary for the Education, clothing & maintenance of the minors, which is to be furnished them when necessary, to be charged to the common Fund & not to their separate accounts; should they die in their minority then their portion of the Estate to revert to the surviving brothers and sisters.

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Item 3<sup>d</sup> I constitute and appoint my Friends John Miller of Florida, and my Friends & Relative John M. Corbett, Executors to this my last Will & Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 23<sup>d</sup> day of January

A. D. 1857  
 J. J. Bradley  
 J. J. Watkins  
 J. J. Hawkins

Chas. Henry. Seal

State of Florida  
 Jefferson County I, M. H. Strain, Judge of Probate, in and for said County, do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last Will & Testament of Charles Henry, late of North Carolina, on record and file in my office, and I do further certify that I am the sole Judge of said Court, that there is no Clerk of said Court, and that his attestation is in due form. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office at the Court House in the Town of Monticello, on the second day of February, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty



M. H. Strain  
 Judge of Probate.

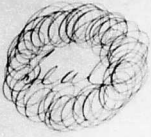
State of North Carolina  
 New Hanover County <sup>Wm</sup> Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.  
 To Mr. J. C. Strain Esqr. - Greeting:

We, reposing special trust and confidence in your fidelity and integrity, do authorize and empower you, to cause John J. Bradley, Thomas Hatis & J. S. Darkins to appear before you on such certain day and place as you shall appoint, and being duly sworn, to examine of and concerning such matters and things as they shall know of in a certain matter of controversy, in our said Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, held for the County aforesaid, pending in the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Charles Henry deceased, and the depositions so taken in writing under your or another of your hands and seals, to return before the Justices of our said Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, at the Court to be held for the County aforesaid, at the Court House in Wilmington, on the second Monday in March next, together with this Writ. Witness J. R. Printing, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the second Monday of December A.D. 1859, and in the Independence of the United States, the eighty-fourth year.

Issued the 4th day of January, 1860.  
 J. R. Printing, Clerk.

State of Florida  
 Jefferson County <sup>Wm</sup> By virtue of a Commission issued from the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, in a matter of controversy in said Court concerning the probate of the last Will and Testament of Charles Henry deceased, and to me directed, I have caused Jno. J. Bradley, one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will, personally to appear before me, who being by me duly sworn on his solemn oath, deposed and saith; that he saw Charles Henry deceased, sign and seal the instrument of writing, hereto annexed and exhibited, as his last Will and Testament; that he subscribed his name as an attesting witness thereto, in the presence of the said Charles Henry, and at his request; that he saw Thomas Hatis and J. S. Darkins subscribe their names as attesting witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said Charles Henry deceased, and at his request; that he believes the said Charles Henry was of a sound and disposing mind, at the time of the execution of the same, and entirely competent for testamentary purposes, and that he also believes the instrument of writing hereto annexed, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Charles Henry deceased, to be the last Will and Testament of the said Henry deceased.  
 Jno. J. Bradley

State of Florida  
Jefferson County  
M and for said County, do hereby certify, that the above  
deposition, was sworn to and subscribed before me.  
In testimony whereof I have hereto set  
my hand and affixed my seal of office this  
the eleventh day of February, in the year  
of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred  
and sixty.  
M. H. Strain,  
Judge of Probate.



State of Florida  
Jefferson County  
By virtue of a Commission issued from  
the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of  
New Hanover, State of North Carolina, in a matter of  
controversy in said Court, concerning the probate of the  
last will and testament of Charles Henry deceased, and  
to me directed, I have caused J. J. Hawkins, one of  
the subscribing witnesses to said Will, personally to appear  
before me, who being duly sworn on his solemn oath  
deposited and saith: That the said Charles Henry  
deceased sign and seal the Instrument of writing hereto  
annexed, purporting to be the last Will and Testament;  
that he subscribed his name as an attesting witness thereto  
in the presence of said Charles Henry deceased, and at his  
request, that he saw Mrs. J. Bradley and Thomas Hattie  
subscribe their names as attesting witnesses thereto, in the  
presence of the said Charles Henry, and at his request,  
that he believes the said Charles Henry was of a sound  
and disposing mind, at the time of the execution of the  
same, and entirely competent for Testamentary purposes,  
and that he also believes the Instrument of writing hereto  
annexed, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of  
Charles Henry deceased, to be the true last Will and Tes-  
tament of the said Charles Henry.

J. J. Hawkins

State of Florida  
Jefferson County  
M and for said County, do hereby certify that the above deposition was  
sworn to and subscribed before me.  
In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and  
affix my seal of office this the twenty second  
day of February, in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and sixty.  
M. H. Strain,  
Judge of Probate.



State of Florida.

J. M. S. Perry, Governor of the State of Florida,  
Do hereby certify that M. H. Strain, whose genuine signature  
is subscribed, to the Instrument of Writing hereto annexed,  
is and was, at the time of signing the same, Judge of  
Probate in the County of Jefferson, in this State, duly  
Commissioned and Qualified, and that full faith and  
credit are due to his Official Acts.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused the Great Seal of the State  
of Florida to be affixed. Done at the Capitol,  
this 14th day of February, A. D. 1859.

J. M. S. Perry

Governor of Florida

By the Governor - Attest.

J. S. Villiquie

Secretary of State.

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, March Term, 1860.

This paper writing purporting to be a copy of the last  
Will and Testament of Charles Henry, is exhibited in  
open Court, and offered for probate, and is admitted to  
the satisfaction of the Court, from the certificate of Mr.  
H. Strain, Judge of Probate, for Jefferson County, Florida,  
that the same has been duly proved by the oath and  
examination of J. S. Bradley and J. S. Dauteris, two  
of the witnesses thereto, as to the execution of the said  
will; it is considered by the Court, that the same is  
a copy of the last Will and Testament of Charles Henry  
and sufficient to convey the bequests therein made. At  
the same time Patrick Murphy appeared in Court,  
and was duly qualified as administrator, with the  
will annexed. It is ordered that the same be registered  
and filed.

Teste

Samuel A. Printing Clerk