

Wilmington N.C. Sept. 25. 1862

In the name of the most holy trinity - Amen:
1st. I give my body and soul to its great maker -
having a most firm reliance on the immortality of
the body & resurrection of the soul, through our Lord
& Saviour Jesus Christ.

2nd All my property real & personal after the pay-
ment of my just debts I leave to my well beloved
wife Margaret M. Dickson to use and dispose of
as she may think best. In witness whereof I hereunto
sign my name this day & date above written.

Jas. H. Dickson

Signed & sealed in

presence of
James F. McKee
C. A. Anderson
John Swann

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court. Dec. Term 1862

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament, of James H. Dickson is exhibited in Court,
and pronounced for probate; and the due execution of
the same, by the said James H. Dickson, was duly proved
by the oath and examination of James F. McKee and
John Swann, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto; and
it is considered by the Court that the said paper writing
and every part thereof, is the last will and testament
of the said James H. Dickson, and sufficient to convey
the bequest therein made, and it is ordered that the
same be recorded and filed: It is further ordered that
Margaret M. Dickson be and is hereby appointed
Administratrix, with the will annexed, upon her entering
into bond in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, with
John A. Taylor, J. D. Pipens, Daniel Dickson and
Thomas C. Miller as sureties. Bond executed and she
duly qualified.

Teste

Saml. R. Dunning, Clk.
Jr. (B. Hood) Dy. Clk.

In the name of God - Amen.
 I, Samuel Nixon of the County of New Hanover, State
 of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory,
 but considering the uncertainty of life, do make and
 publish, this my last Will and Testament, in manner
 and form following

First - It is my will that my Executors hereinafter
 named, shall pay my funeral expenses, together
 with my just debts, to whomsoever owing out of the
 money that may first come into their hands as a
 part or parcel of my Estate.

Secondly - After all of my said debts shall
 have been paid, I give, devise, and bequeath, to
 William C. Bettencourt, John Dawson, James J. Miller
 and Dr. Jas. H. Dickson, of the Town of Wilmington,
 State aforesaid, all and singular my property, whether
 real, personal or of any other kind whatsoever and
 wheresoever situate, to be by them held and enjoyed,
 absolutely and free from the claim or claims of any
 and all persons whatsoever: And it is further my
 will, that after the death of either one or more of the
 aforementioned parties, W. C. Bettencourt, John Dawson,
 J. J. Miller and Dr. J. H. Dickson, that the said prop-
 erty is to go to the survivor or survivors of them, their
 heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

And lastly - I do hereby constitute and ap-
 point my friends, the said William C. Bettencourt, John
 Dawson, James J. Miller and Dr. Jas. H. Dickson, my
 lawful Executors, to all intents and purposes, to execute
 this my last Will and Testament, with a request that
 they act in accordance with my wishes and instructions,
 and according to the true intent and meaning of
 this my last Will, hereby revoking and making void,
 all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said Samuel Nixon
 do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 15th November
 1861.

Samuel ^{his} Nixon ^{Test}
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Signed, sealed, published
 and declared by the said
 Samuel Nixon to be his last
 Will and Testament in the
 presence of us, who at his
 request, and in his presence
 do subscribe our names as
 witnesses thereto.

Jno. S. McCaskey
 Tho. C. Craft.