

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 Executor 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 property is to go to the survivor or survivors of them, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

And lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint 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.

Jos. J. McCasheen
 Tho. C. Craft.

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court. Decr. Term 1862.

This paper writing, purporting to be and contains the last will and testament of Samuel Nixon deceased, is exhibited in open Court, by John Dawson, one of the Executors therein named, and offered for probate, and the due execution of the same, was proved by the oath and examination of John S. McCachern and Thomas C. Craft, both the subscribing witnesses thereto; and it is considered by the Court, that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of Samuel Nixon, in every respect, and sufficient to convey the bequest therein made. At the same time, John Dawson, one of the executors therein named, appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as such; by taking the oath required by law.

Testo
Samuel R. Printing Clerk.
Jr. Wood Dy. Clerk.

Wilmington N.C. July 30th 1854.

In view of the uncertainty of life & the certainty of derangement & loss to the firm of J. C. & P. G. North in case of the death of either partner without a will, thus requiring it to be wound up at once I make this my last will & testament. I will that the business of our firm go on under its present style for two years or such time as my brother P. G. North deems necessary to wind up our affairs to advantage.

After that business is closed and all my debts paid I desire that one half of my effects remaining real and personal go to my wife unconditionally.

The remainder I desire invested in Bank Stock or some other safe manner for the benefit of my daughter Lizzie & any other children born to me in equal portions, to be expended in their support & education, so far as deemed necessary by my Executors & the remainder if any to be paid over to them at 21 years of age.

I name P. G. North & J. W. North as my executors.
Witness
Joseph Treat

J. C. North. Seal