

Will of Gardner Shepherd

In the name of God Amen
I Gardner Shepherd of the County
of Ashe & State of North Carolina, being of
sound mind and memory and considering
the uncertainty of this frail and transitory
life do therefore make ordain and publish
and declare this to be my last will and
testament. That is to say. First after all
my lawfull debts and paid and discharged
the residue of my estate real and
personal I give bequeath and dispose of
as follows to wit

To my beloved wife the said and
appertinances as now possessed by me
in the County of Ashe and State of
North Carolina during her widowhood
afterwards to decend to my lawfull heirs
Also the personal property now possessed
by me during her widowhood

likewise I make constitute and appoint
my sons Calvin Shepherd and David Lopp
to be Executors of this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all former
wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I
have hereunto subscribed my name and
affixt my seal the sixteenth day of
July in the Year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty.

Gardner Shepherd
signed sealed published and declared by
the said Gardner Shepherd in and for his
last will and testament in the presence
of us who at the request of the said Gardner
Shepherd and in his presence and in that of
each other have hereunto subscribed our
names and respective places of residence
as witnesses

Eliza Weaver Ashe Co. N.C.

[Signature]

William Lopp Ashe Co. N.C.

[Signature]

David Lopp Ashe Co. N.C.

[Signature]

State of North Carolina }
Ashe County

A Paper purporting to be the last will
and testament of Gardner Shepherd
deceased is exhibited before me
the undersigned Judge of Probate
said County by Calvin Shepherd and
David Lopp & the Executors therein
mentioned and the said Executors
sworn by the said Gardner Shepherd
by the oath and examination of Eliza
Weaver William Lopp and David Lopp
the subscribing witnesses thereto who being
duly sworn each depose and say each
for himself depose and saith that he
is a subscribing witness to the paper
writing now shown him purporting to be
the last will and testament of Gardner
Shepherd, that the said Gardner Shepherd
in the presence of this paper writing when
Eliza Weaver to subscribe his name at the
end of said paper writing which is shown
as aforesaid and which bears date of
the 16th day of July 1880.

And the deponent further saith that the
said Gardner Shepherd the testator of
said did at the time of subscribing
his name as aforesaid declare the said
paper writing so subscribed by him and
exhibited to be his last will and testament
and this deponent did thenceforth subscribe
his name at the end of said Will as an
attesting witness thereto and at the request
one of them and the other two and in the
presence of the said testator. And this deponent
further saith that at the said time when
the said testator subscribed his name to
the said last will as aforesaid and at the
time of the deponent's subscribing his name
as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid
the said Gardner Shepherd was of sound mind &
memory of full age to execute a will and was not
under any constraint or undue influence or
in the least of his deponent's knowledge or information
at the time of his death. Subscribed and sworn to before me
the 16th day of July 1880
Attest: Eliza Weaver, William Lopp, David Lopp