

did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and this defendant did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this defendant further says 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 defendant subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Thomas Colman was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, opinion or belief of this defendant and further these defendants sayeth not

Henry Brown and W. H. Gentry Esq
 subscribed this 7th day W. H. Gentry Esq
 of Sept. 1885 before me
 J. M. Dickson C.S.C

Last will and testament of Jacob Rooms

North Carolina Dec 24th 1886.

Ashe County In the name of God Amen.

I Jacob Rooms being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life and the certainty of death, and that I may be better prepared touching my worldly affairs when God shall call me hence, I make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament annulling and making void all and writings in the nature of wills by me heretofore made. My will is that after my decease my body shall have a decent Christian burial without parade or unnecessary expence, and that the expence of the same with all my just debts be paid by my executor.

My will is that my beloved wife Alva Rooms shall have her dower in the lands where I now live during her natural life, to be allotted to her by Commissioners appointed for that purpose, my will is that the dower of my beloved wife after her death be sold and divided equally among all my heirs. My will is that the lands on which I now live not included in the dower of my wife be sold at public sale and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my three daughters to wit Amanda Burket & Catherine Long & Melinda Dickson. My will is that all my personal property that I may be possessed of at my death be sold at public sale and that the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my wife Alva Rooms and my three daughters heretofore named share and share alike. My will is that my son John Rooms have the lands heretofore given to him by me and which he now has in possession. My will is that my son Hamilton Rooms have the lands heretofore given to him by me and for which he holds a deed made by me to him and the boundary of which are fully set forth in said deed. My will is that my undivided household and kitchen furniture be sold at public sale and the proceeds equally divided among my three daughters. And I appoint my trusty friend J. L. Colvard to execute this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal. If Alva marries after I am gone this house is no more her home nor dower here.

Jacob Rooms

Attest J. L. Woodside

J. P. Reeves

State of North Carolina SS: In the Probate Court.

Ashe County A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob Rooms deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by the executors there mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Jacob Rooms by oath and examination of J. P. Reeves & J. L. Woodside the

Subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn and depose and say, and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob Hoorn, that the said Jacob Hoorn in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of 24th day of December 1884. And the deponent further saith that the said Jacob Hoorn the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request 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 Jacob Hoorn was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent; and further these deponents say and

J. P. Roover, *Deed*

J. L. Woodde *Deed*

Generally sworn and subscribed this 5th day of Sept. 1885 before me.

J. M. Dickson

Probate Judge.

N. J. Muddler D.C.

North Carolina: To the Clerk of the Superior Court of Ashe County, Ashe County, Whereas Jacob Hoorn late of said County died during the year A.D. 1885 leaving a last will and testament which has been duly admitted to probate. Now I Alva Hoorn Widow come into Court and demand for said last will and testament and says she will take nothing under the said last will and testament of her late husband Jacob Hoorn

Oct. 19th 1885.

Alva Hoorn

J. M. Dickson Probate Judge.

N. J. Muddler Deputy

Last will and testament of

Mark Hardin

I Mark Hardin of Ashe County North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but feeble in health and knowing the uncertainty of this life, and being desirous of disposing of my property after my death, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say

I will that all my just debts be paid if I should owe any at my death I will that my beloved wife have all my property of every description as long as she remains my widow, and at her death or marriage I will that my youngest son Field M. Hardin have the land and all the other property except so much of the personal property as will make the young child equal with those who are married. I want Field to live with his mother and help her and help take care of the girls as long as they live with their mother, and when they marry if they do, I want my beloved wife to give them of for housekeeping like the other girls. I hereby appoint my brother Mark Hardin Executor of this my last will and testament, this August 10th 1885.

Signed in the presence of us who witnessed the same in his presence.

J. W. Todd

John Hardin

Mark Hardin.

State of North Carolina) S.D. In the Probate Court. A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mark Hardin deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Mark Hardin the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Mark Hardin by the oath and examination J. W. Todd & John Hardin the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Mark Hardin, that the said Mark Hardin in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of 10th day of August 1885. And the deponent further saith, that the said Mark Hardin the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, & this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request 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 Mark Hardin was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Generally sworn and subscribed this 5th day of Sept. 1885, before me.

J. M. Dickson Probate Judge.

N. J. Muddler Deputy

J. W. Todd *Deed*

John Hardin *Deed*