

Subscribing witnesseth thereto, who being duly sworn before me say, and each for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob Hooms, that the said Jacob Hooms in the presence of this defendant subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of 25th day of December 1885. And the defendant further saith that the said Jacob Hooms the testator of said did at the time of subscribing his name or 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 saith, that at the said time when the said testator exhibited his name to the said last will or aforesaid, and at the time of the defendant's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Jacob Hooms 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 defendant; and further these defendant say not.

J. N. Reeves, *Deputy Probate Judge*

J. W. Hardin, *Probate Judge*

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

J. M. Dickson
Probate Judge

H. J. Biedler, D.C.

North Carolina To the Clerk of the Superior Court of Ashe County Ashe County, Whereas Jacob Hooms 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 Hooms widow comes into court and distinctly goes said last will and testament and says she will take nothing under the said last will and testament of her late husband Jacob Hooms

Oct 19th 1885.

Alva Hooms

J. M. Dickson Probate Judge
H. J. Biedler Deputy

Last will and testament of J.
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 die 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 Fields H. Hardin have the land and all the other property except as much of the personal property as will make the young child equal with those who are married. I want Fields 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 for housekeeping either the other girl. I hereby appoint my brother Martin 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 present.

J. W. Todd
John Hardin

Mark Hardin,

State of North Carolina } As 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 Martin Hardin the executor } therein mentioned, and to the execution thereof by the said Mark Hardin by the oath and } examination of J. W. Todd & John Hardin the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being } duly sworn both deposes and say, and each for himself deposes and saith 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 } defendant subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, } and which bears the date of 15th day of August 1885. And the defendant further saith, that the said Mark Hardin the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name or aforesaid declare the } said paper writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, & this } defendant did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will or an attesting witness thereto, } and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and this defendant further saith that } at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will or aforesaid } and at the time of the defendant's subscribing his name or 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 defendant, } and further these defendants say not.

J. W. Todd, *Deputy Probate Judge*
Generally sworn and subscribed this 5th day of Oct 1885 before me. John Hardin, *Probate Judge*
H. J. Biedler, Deputy