

Last will of Stephen Pennington

In the name of God amen.

I Stephen Pennington being of sound mind and lawful age do make this my last will and Testament First I will that my decessor I shall have a decent Christian burial. that all my just debts shall be fully paid.

That my wife Joanna shall have full control of the entire farm during her natural life except she would prefer having her dower laid off. she may have her choice in that. And that she shall have all the household and kitchen furniture and farming tools appertaining to carry on the farm she shall have two horses two cows that she shall have all the money that is on hand. The rest of the property to be sold & divided equally among the children I desire that all the children shall be made equal in every thing from Beginning to end. I will that Cicero Land shall go at the same price that it was when he taken it in possession without paying any thing for the improvements and in case of a division of the lands between the heirs that the said Cicero shall have his part off of the lower end adjoining his land. In case the non ore is sold that the girls shall have the proceeds of said sale. Last of all I will that Cicero Pennington shall be my lawful Executor to manage all the business of the estate.

In testifying whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

This 11th Nov. 1889

In the Presence of

J. C. Spencer
Ambrose Spencers

S. Pennington (Seal)

North Carolina

Ashe County

In Superior Court
March 24th 1890

After writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Stephen Pennington dec is exhibited before me by Cicero Pennington the Executor therein named and the due execution of the same by the said Stephen Pennington by the oath and examination of J. C. Spencer and Ambrose Spencer the undersigned witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is a undersigned witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Stephen Pennington dec which bears date of the 11th day of Nov 1889. And the deponent further sayeth that the said Stephen Pennington in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name to the last said will which is now shown as aforesaid. And the deponent further sayeth that the said Stephen Pennington died at the time of subscribing his name to the last will as aforesaid decessor the paper writing exhibited to be his last will and Testament. And this deponent did through subscribe his name as an attesting witness thereto and in the presence and at the request of the said testator. And this deponent further sayeth that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to said last will and at the time of deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto the said Stephen Pennington was of sound mind and memory of full age. To Gerente as well and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of this deponent and further than deponent sayeth not sworn and subscribed before me March 24th 1890
J. B. Wilkinson C. C. J.

J. C. Spencer
Ambrose Spencer