

Last Will and testament of James P. Vaughn
 I James P. Vaughn being of sound mind but
 being weak in body and thinking in all probability
 that I be soon called off I do make this my
 last Will and testament. I give and bequeath to
 my sons David P. Vaughn and Samuel Francis Vaughn
 my home tract of land containing one hundred
 and twenty one acre, and also about fourteen acres
 adjoining the home place on the West, to have and
 hold in their own right to dispose at any time only
 on condition that their mother Henrietta Vaughn
 give her free and full consent and ^{consent} is to
 give her home and support from her sons during
 her life time, and as to the cows and calves
 Henrietta Vaughn has entire control and disposition.
 And I will to Henrietta Vaughn all the house hold
 and kitchen furniture of all kinds and I
 will to David P. Vaughn and Samuel F. Vaughn the
 wagon and all the farming tools of all kinds
 to have in their own right and control. All my
 outstanding debts are to be paid for the support
 of the family as they are collected. I hereby appoint
 my son David P. Vaughn my agent to collect all
 debts due me by note or otherwise
 July the 30th 1891

James P. Vaughn (sigs)

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
 Ashe County } October the 12th 1891

A paper writing, without subscribing witnesses
 purporting to be the last will and testament
 of James P. Vaughn deceased is exhibited for probate
 in open court by David P. Vaughn the agent therein
 named and it is thereupon proven by the oath
 and examination of David P. Vaughn that the said
 will was found among the valuable papers
 and effects to wit, in a small paper box of
 the said James P. Vaughn, after his death.

And it is further proven by the oath and
 examination of three competent and credible
 witnesses Frank E. G. Kautt, J. W. Podd, & L. H. Bower,
 that they are acquainted with the hand writing of
 the said James P. Vaughn having often seen

him write, and each believe that the name of
 the said James P. Vaughn subscribed to the said
 will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof
 is in the hand writing of the said James
 P. Vaughn. And it is further proven by the evidence
 of the three last mentioned witnesses that that
 the said hand writing is generally known to the
 acquaintance of the said James P. Vaughn.

It is therefore concluded by the court that the
 said paper writing is the last will and
 testament of the said James P. Vaughn, and the
 same is ordered to be recorded & filed

C. E. Mayhew c.c.

Last Will and Testament of Wesley Thompson
 I Wesley Thompson of the county of Ashe and
 State of North Carolina being of sound mind and
 memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly
 existence do make and do declare this my last will
 and testament in a manner and form following
 that that is to say

First item I give and devise to my beloved wife her
 life time my home place whereon I now live
 which contains one hundred and five acres together
 with all the personal property and means belonging
 to the place as it now stands

Second, at the decease of my beloved wife the land
 is to be equally divided between Ambrose and
 Wilson in valuation by Ambrose and Wilson paying
 the other three heirs seventy five dollars apiece

Third item all personal property, means and
 house hold and kitchen furniture that is left
 is to be equally divided between Wilson Ambrose
 Elizabeth Robert & Malvina after paying all my
 just debt and burial expenses of my self and my
 beloved wife.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and Appoint
 my trusty friend John Welch my lawful Executor
 the all intents and purposes to execute this
 my last will and testament according to the
 true intent and meaning of the same

every part and clause thereof in witness
whereof I the said Wesley Thompson do here
unto set my hand and seal
this 18th day of September A.D. 1891

Wesley Thompson
John Ham

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Rehe County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Wesley Thompson deceased, is ex-
hibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the
Superior Court for said County by John Ham
the executor therein mentioned and due
examination thereof by the said Wesley Thompson
is proved by the oath and examination of
John Ham the subscribing witness thereto
and the only subscribing witness thereto, who
being duly sworn doth depose and swear that
he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing
now shown me purporting to be the last will
and testament of Wesley Thompson that the
said Wesley Thompson in the presence of this
deponent subscribed his name at the
end of said paper writing now shown as
aforesaid which bears date of the 24th day of
September 1891

And the deponent further saith that the
said Wesley Thompson the testator aforesaid
did at the time of subscribing his name
as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as
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 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 deponent's subscribing his name
as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said
Wesley Thompson 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 this deponent says not.
John Ham [seal]

Last Will & Testament of Elijah Pope dec.
In the name of God amen

I Elijah Pope of the county of Ashe and state of North Carolina being of
perfect mind but knowing that I must die, this life is uncertain, I consti-
tute and ordain the following my last will and testament.
First I request that all my just debts be paid and my body be decently laid
to rest in the grave the residue of my estate real and personal I give,
bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit
To my beloved daughter Charity S. Spaulding all the lands I own wherever we
now live joining Jane Johnston and others forty two and a half acres her
life time and at her death to be put in the hands and and full enjoyment
of her son Joseph S. Spaulding, also all my stock worken tools and house
hold and kitchen furniture and one watch and gun.
I also give and bequeath to my son George W. Pope my blacksmith tools and
ginney, I also give to my son John Pope one dollar, and to my son
James L. Pope one dollar, and to Mary E. Greer my daughter one dollar, and to
Elizabeth Davalls heirs one dollar
Likewise I make constitute and appoint my said daughter to be executor of
this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me
made, in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name affixed my
seal this the seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thous-
and eight hundred and eighty two, 1882

Elijah Pope (Seal)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Elijah Pope in
our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same
time published and declared the above instrument as subscribed to be his
last will and testament and we at the testators request and in his pres-
ence have signed our names as witnesses hereto

test Wm E. Johnston
Wm E. Colvard

State of North Carolina }
Ashe County

In the Superior Court

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elijah
Pope deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior
Court for said County, by Catharin Spaulding, and the due execution thereof
by the said Elijah Pope is proved by the oath and examination of William
E. Colvard & William E. Johnston the subscribing witnesses thereto; who
being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and
swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him
purporting to be the last will and testament of Elijah Pope that the said
Elijah Pope in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the
end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of
the 17th day of July 1882

And the deponent further saith that the said Elijah Pope the testator
aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the
said paper writing as 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 testa-
tor subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time
of deponent's subscribing their names as an attesting witness thereto, as
aforesaid, the said Elijah Pope 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.

W. E. Johnston

W. E. Colvard

Severally sworn and subscribed this 1st day of Dec. 1890 before me
See Sheet 23. C. E. Graybeal C. S. C.

every part and blame thereof in witness
whereof I the said Wesley Thompson do here
unto set my hand and seal

this the 14th day of September A.D. 1891

Attest: ^{his}
John Ham ^{Wesley X Thompson} (Seal)
spoke

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Kohn County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Wesley Thompson deceased, is ex-
hibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the
Superior Court for said County by John Hatch
the executor therein mentioned and the
execution thereof by the said Wesley Thompson
is proved by the oath and examination of
John Ham the subscribing witness thereto
and the only subscribing witness thereto, who
being duly sworn both depose and swear that
he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing
now shown me purporting to be the last will
and testament of Wesley Thompson that the
said Wesley Thompson in the presence of this
deponent subscribed his name at the
end of said paper writing now shown as
aforesaid which has date of the 24th day of
September 1891

And the deponent further saith that the
said Wesley Thompson the testator aforesaid
did at the time of subscribing his name
as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as
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 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 deponent subscribing his name
as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said
Wesley Thompson 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 at the time he subscribed his name to the said
will as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid.

North Carolina
Ashe County.

I, J. D. Stansbury, Clerk of the Superior Court of Ashe County, North
Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing one sheet or page is a true
and perfect transcript and copy of the last will and testament of
Elijah Pope, deceased, the proof of the execution by the subscribing
witnesses as it appears of record of the Clerk of the Superior Court
in record of Wills No. 1, Pages 216 & 217.
Witness my hand and official seal this the 15 day of May, 1894.

Clerk of the Superior Court.

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State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Kohn County

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testament of Wesley Thompson deceased, is ex-
hibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the
Superior Court for said County by John Hatch
the executor therein mentioned and the
execution thereof by the said Wesley Thompson
is proved by the oath and examination of
John Ham the subscribing witness thereto
and the only subscribing witness thereto, who
being duly sworn both depose and say that
he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing
now shown me purporting to be the last will
and testament of Wesley Thompson that the
said Wesley Thompson in the presence of this
deponent subscribed his name at the
end of said paper writing now shown as
aforesaid which has date of the 24th day of
September 1891

And the deponent further says that the
said Wesley Thompson the testator aforesaid
did at the time of subscribing his name
as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as
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 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 deponent's subscribing his name
as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said
Wesley Thompson 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, at the time said will was executed, and at the time
of this deposition.

North Carolina
Ashe County.

I, J. D. Stansberry, Clerk of the Superior Court of Ashe County, North
Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing one sheet or page is a true
and perfect transcript and copy of the last will and testament of
Elijah Pope, deceased, the proof of the execution by the subscribing
witnesses as it appears of record of the Clerk of the Superior Court
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this the 26th day of September A.D. 1891

Witness my hand and seal
John Ham Wesley Thompson

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Ashe County
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Wesley Thompson deceased, is ex-
hibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the
Superior Court for said County by John Welch
the executor therein mentioned and the
execution thereof by the said Wesley Thompson
is proved by the oath and examination of
John Ham the subscribing witness thereto
and the only subscribing witness thereto who
being duly sworn doth depose and say that
he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing
now shown me purporting to be the last will
and testament of Wesley Thompson that the
said Wesley Thompson in the presence of this
deponent subscribed his name at the
end of said paper writing now shown as
aforesaid which has date of the 26th day of
September 1891

And the deponent further saith that the
said Wesley Thompson the testator aforesaid
did at the time of subscribing his name
as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as
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 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 deponent's subscribing his name
as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said
Wesley Thompson 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 this deponent says not.

Sworn and subscribed
this 26th day of October 1891 before me
C. C. Graybeal cec.

North Carolina In the Superior Court
Ashe County October the 26th 1891

This day personally came before me C. C. Graybeal
Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, John
Welch and after being duly sworn, that he was
present and saw Wesley Thompson make his mark
to his name to a paper writing which he the said
Wesley Thompson declared to be his last will and
testament, and deponent further says that he wrote
the said last will in the presence and at the
request of the said Thompson, and that he also
wrote the name of the said Thompson to the said
will in the presence of and at the request of the said
Wesley Thompson and saw him make his mark
to the said signature in the presence of John Ham
the only subscribing witness thereto. This deponent
further says that he is not a subscribing witness to
the said will, and further this deponent says not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me
this Oct. the 26th 1891

C. C. Graybeal cec