

April 1st 1878 William Ashley Will

Item 1st

Know all men by these Presents that I William Ashley in this my last will and testament do bequeath my Real Estate as follows

Item 2

First that after all my Just debts are paid I give my land upon which I now live I to my wife Francis Ashley to keep and to hold as long as she shall live with all the appurtenances thereto

Item 3

Second that after her death the land shall be valued by three disinterested persons and then divide said valuation in to five shares

Item 4

third I bequeath one of those shares to my son bread Ashley

Item 5

another to my daughter Elizabeth Ashley

Item 6

another to my daughter Mary Ashley

Item 7

another to my daughter Nancy Ashley

Item 8

And the other to my daughter Mandy Ashley and that my son bread Ashley shall have and hold the land provided he will pay to each of the above named heirs their fifth of the valuation fourth I give to the part of my heirs one dollar each to be paid by the above named heirs this the second day of Sept 1876.

Witness
J. C. Wilcox
Gideon Weaver

William Ashley

State of North Carolina }
Ashe County } In the Probate Court

A Paper purporting to be the last will and testament of William Ashley deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by J. C. Wilcox therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said William Ashley by the oath and examinations of J. C. Wilcox and Gideon Weaver the Subscribing Witnesses

Thereto who being duly sworn doth depone and say and each for himself depone and saith that he is a Subscribing witness to the Paper Writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of William Ashley the said William Ashley in the presence of this deponent subscribe his name at the end of said Paper Writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 2nd day of September 1876.

and the deponents further saith that the said William Ashley the testator aforesaid 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 deponents did thereupon subscribe their names 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 deponents Subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said William Ashley was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge and belief of his deponent and further these deponents say not

Sworn to and subscribed
7th day of April 1877
before me
Geo. W. Roy
Probate Judge

J. C. Wilcox (Seal)
Gideon Weaver (Seal)