

State of North Carolina
County of Brunswick

In the name of God, Amen!

No. 182

I, Abram Ottaway, of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and of disposing mind, memory and understanding, and of good health, blessed be God, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, and desiring to dispose of my property among my children in order that there may not be ~~no~~ misunderstanding among any of them after my death do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

First

I desire that my Executors hereinafter named may provide for my body a decent burial, and shall pay all my just debts, howsoever, or to whomsoever owing out of the first money that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Second

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas S. Ottaway one feather bed, four feather pillows, two cotton mattresses, one grass mattress, four pair pillows, six quilts, three pair of sheets, two bedsteads, one bureau, one safe and one cow and calf.

Third

I give, devise and bequeath unto Nixon Ottaway, the tract or parcel of land bounded and described in the plat hereunto annexed marked, No 1 which I declare to be a part of this my will. To have and to hold the said tract of land unto my said son Nixon Ottaway, for and during the full term and end of his natural life, and after his death to such legally begotten child or children as he may leave surviving him, or the issue of such child or child as may have died during his life time.

Fourth

I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Thomas S. Ottaway the tract or parcel of land described in the paper writing hereunto annexed marked No 2 which paper writing I declare to be a part of this my will. To have and to hold the said tract of land unto my said son Thomas S. Ottaway for and during the full and end term of his natural life and after his death to such legally begotten child or children as he may leave surviving him, or the issue of such child or children as may have died during his life time.

Fifth

I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Alice W. McKeehan the tract or parcel of land described in the paper writing hereunto annexed marked No 3 which paper writing I declare to be a part of this my will. To have and to hold the said tract of land unto my said daughter Alice W. McKeehan for and during the full and end term of her natural life, and after her death to such legally begotten child or children upon her body begotten as she may leave surviving her, or the issue of such child or children as may have died during her life time.

Sixth

I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Margaret E. Goodman the tract or parcel of land described in the plat and paper writing, hereunto annexed, marked No 4 which plat and paper writing I declare to be a part of this my will. To have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Margaret E. Goodman for and during the full and end term of her natural life, and after her death to such child or children legally begotten upon her body as she may leave surviving her, or the issue of such child or children as may die during her life time.

Seventh

I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my personal property to my said children Nixon Ottaway, Thomas S. Ottaway, Alice W. McKeehan and Margaret E. Goodman, to be divided between them, share and share alike.

Eighth

I give and devise unto my children Nixon Ottaway, Thomas S. Ottaway, and Alice W. McKeehan all the rest and residue of my lands and real property to be equally divided between them, share and share alike. To have and to hold the said real estate for and during the full and end term of their natural lives, and after their deaths to such children as each may leave surviving them, or the issue of such child or children as each of them may have to die during their life time, each child or children representing their ancestors.

Ninth

I devise and direct in consideration of the valuable improvements upon the tract of land heretofore devised to my said son, Thomas S. Ottaway that my son should pay to my said Nixon Ottaway and my daughters Alice W. McKeehan and Margaret E. Goodman the sum of One hundred Dollars each, which said amount I hereby declare to be and make as charge upon the lands devised

Deeds

I direct that the personal property heretofore bequeathed to my children, and the lands heretofore devised to them shall be subject to an estate for the life of my beloved wife Mary Ottaway. And I hereby give and devise and bequeath unto my said wife all my real estate and personal property, to have and to hold the same unto her for and during her natural life.

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son Abram Ottaway, Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking, and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of April, A.D. 1884.

Abram Ottaway
Test.

Signed, sealed and published, and declared by the said Abram Ottaway to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses hereto.

W. W. Drew.

St. M. Durant.

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Superior Court

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Abram Ottaway deceased is this day exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk Super. Court of the County aforesaid by Abram Ottaway, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Abram Ottaway is duly proven by the oath and examination of W. W. Drew, and St. M. Durant the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn depone and say each for himself that they the subscribing witnesses to the paper writing now shown them purporting to be the last will and testament of Abram Ottaway deceased, that the said Abram Ottaway in the presence of them deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date on the 10th day of April 1884. And the deponents further depone that the said Abram Ottaway the testator

aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare on the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, and the deponents did themselves subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And these deponents further say that at the time when said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, the said Abram Ottaway 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 these deponents say not.

Specially sworn and
subscribed before me
this the 2nd day of June 1890.
W. S. Mosher, Jc.

W. W. Drew.

St. M. Durant.