

the appointment of my trusty friend, Samuel Kirby as my Administrator to carry into effect this my Last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and parcel thereof. In testimony whereof I, the said John Newett have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this the twenty-fifth day of November Anno Domini, 1857.

John Newett seal
Signed, Sealed, published and declared, by the said John Newett to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request & in his presence, have hereunto set our hands as witnesses that

Geo. Hooper, Watson Newett, Joseph J. Bell.
is pronounced for probate in open court by Samuel Kirby - whereupon Alfred Brown, & wife Patience, John Gafford & wife Jerusha, John T. Newett of the heirs at Law & next of Kin of the said John Newett comes into court and enters a caveat to the probate thereof & say that the same is not the last Will & Testament of the said John Newett or any part thereof, and that the court directs the following issues to be made up, & submitted to a jury, to wit: - Is the said paper writing or any part thereof & if so, what part the last Will and Testament of the said John Newett or not? It is further ordered that administration pending the contest about the said paper writing pronounced as the last Will and Testament of the said John Newett be granted to Samuel Kirby upon his giving bond in the sum of Five thousand dollars with Stephen Quison & Jesse Lancaster as Sureties.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly Special Session Ratified First day Feb'y 1908.

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No. 296
A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry H. Watters is brought into court and pronounced for probate by Lorenzo Frink and George Davis the Executors therein named, which said paper writing is in the following words & figures to wit: -

In the name of God, Amen! I, Henry H. Watters, being of sound mind, and knowing the uncertainty of life, do make this instrument of writing my Last Will and Testament. That is to say - I direct that all my just be paid which shall come into the hands of my Executors first.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my son, George Davis my plantation known as Dolison & Hall Point which was the original (640 acres) when he becomes of age - (that is to say - twenty-one years).

Thirdly - I will and desire that my negroes shall be equally divided between my children when they become of age. I also wish and desire that my coal lands lying in the County of Moore be equally divided between my children, provided that my Executors deem it necessary to sell them at anytime before they (the children) become of age.

Fourthly - I desire that all my property shall be kept together for the use of my wife and children until the youngest shall become of age, my wife being entitled to the same as my children during their minority. I will and desire all & singular the property of whatsoever it may consist that may belong or that may come into the hands of my Executors to be equally divided among my children by my wife, Leonora, she having the use of the same for the support and sustenance of said children. I leave my friends, George Davis and Lorenzo Frink my Executors to this my last Will and Testament. May the 10th, 1858.

Henry H. Watters.

And therefore on motion it is ordered by the court that the clerk of this court issue a notice to Leonora Watters, the widow, and Godena Watters, George D. Watters and Susan Watters, the children of the said Henry H. Watters, to appear at the next term of this court to see the proceedings therein be had upon the said paper writing and to find out the probate thereof if they shall be so advised.

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