

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John G. Hall, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court. Sarah Hall, the Executrix therein named, and the execution thereof by the said John G. Hall is proved by the oath & examination of William Matters, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto according to law. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing & every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of the said John G. Hall and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed. And thereupon the said Sarah Hall, Executrix as aforesaid, is qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

I, John G. Hall of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind & memory, but aware of the uncertainty of human existence, do make and set this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following:-

First. - I do hereby direct my Executrix to pay all my just & lawful debts to whomsoever owing out of the money belonging to my estate that shall first come into her hands.

Second. - I do give, bequeath and devise to my sister, Mary F. Blake, the house and lot situate in the Town of Fayetteville, North Carolina, whereupon she now resides to have and to hold the same during the term of her natural life and said property at her death to revert to my wife, Sarah Hall.

Third. - I give, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Sarah Hall my plantation in Brunswick County, my plantation in Robeson County and my property in the City of Wilmington together with all other personal and real estate of which I may die possessed.

Fourth. - I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Sarah Hall my sole and lawful Executrix to see intents and purposes of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and declaring void and of no effect all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said John G. Hall do hereunto set my hand, affix my seal this 21st day of September, 1891.

John G. Hall
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John G. Hall to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Peter Mullet, Will. Matters

Recorded according to an act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1891.
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Copied from the Records, Book 16, page 62.

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Luke Goodman is exhibited in open Court and pronounced for probate by Missou Goodman, One of the Executors therein named which said paper writing is in the words & figures following, to wit: State of North Carolina,

Brunswick County. } In the name of God, Amen!

I, Luke Goodman, of the County and State of aforesaid being in feeble health, but of sound & disposing mind & memory, & being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, while I have mind & memory sufficient to do so, do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking & making void all former Wills by me heretofore made.

First. - I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to the Earth to be interred at the discretion of my Executors, and as to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to entrust me, I dispose of the same as follows: First, it is my desire that my Executors pay all my just debts, to be paid by selling my crop, stock and every thing of a perishable nature, and also one hundred acres of land which is situated from the tract on which I reside situated on Cedar Branch bounded by Doctor Potter, Daniel Schiffer, and S. B. Stumlan's lands.

Secondly. - I give and devise unto my son, Nelson V. Goodman, as trustee of my son Henry H. Goodman & his wife & child & such other children as they may have, one fifth part of the two hundred and fifty acres of land on which I now reside, he to have his share so as to include his residence. Henry's residence is here meant to be conveyed to my son Nelson V. Goodman in trust as aforesaid. Also I give & bequeath unto Nelson V. Goodman in trust for my son Henry H. Goodman, his wife & child & such other children as they may have the following negroes by name, woman Delia, girl Lucy, boy Marion, and girl Henrietta, all children of Otha, and such increase as they may hereafter have, my son, Nelson, trustee as aforesaid to allow my son Henry & his wife during her widowhood, in case she should with Henry to have the use of the said negroes, but not to dispose of them by sale in any way, and in case Henry & wife should outlive him, she is to have the use of the negroes during her widowhood and in case she should marry again then the property hereby conveyed to go to Henry, Nelson and in case Henry should die without child or children then the property hereby conveyed to my son Nelson as trustee as aforesaid is to return to my other children to be divided.

Thirdly I give devise and bequeath to my son, Allison V. Goodman in his own right & for his own use, One fifth of the two hundred and fifty acres of land on which I reside; also forty eight acres adjoining the land I reside on, it being the remaining portion which I purchased of Amalia Bryant and reserved when I sold the balance of said tract to Saml. S. Biddle which forty eight acres of land includes the new frame now standing on it; also one fourth part of my negroes that are remaining after giving Henry's portion off that is, he is to have my negro boy, Joe, in the portion allotted to him & his share to be made up of equal value with my other three children, viz: Louisa, William and John; and in case my son Allison should die without child or children, then his portion to return to my other children.

Fourth I do give to my daughter, Louisa, one fifth of the land on which I reside, that is of the 250 acres, not including any portion of the forty eight acres given to Allison; also one fourth part of my negroes, after Henry's portion is taken out; and in case she should die without issue, then her portion to return to my other children.

Fifth I give and bequeath to my son William H. Goodman One fifth of the two hundred and fifty acres of land on which I reside, not to include the forty eight acres given to Allison; also one fourth part of my negroes after Henry's portion is taken out and in case he should die without issue, then his part to return to my other children.

Sixth I give and bequeath to my son John B. Goodman one fifth of the two hundred and fifty acres of land on which I reside, not to include the forty eight acres given to Allison; also one fourth part of my negroes after Henry's portion is taken out; and in case he should die without issue his portion to return to my other children.

I do hereby appoint my son, Allison V. Goodman and Daniel L. Russell and the junior of them Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witnesses whereof I, Luke Goodman, have set my hand and seal this fourth day of April A.D. 1867.

In presence of
 P. Sellers
 John Biggs
 Luke Goodman.

And the said paper writing is duly proved by the oath of P. Sellers and John Biggs, the subscribing witnesses, whereupon it is ordered by the court that the said paper writing is a true and correct copy of the last will and Testament of the said

Luke Goodman and it is ordered to be filed and recorded as such. Allison V. Goodman, one of the Executors named in the said Will, comes into court and qualifies as Executor according to law by taking the oath prescribed in such cases.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of the Genl. Assembly, Special Session 1908. Ratified Feb'y 1st, 1908.

Copied from Old Records, Book B₁⁽³⁾ page 21 vs.

No. 245

It appears writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Josiah Smith, dec'd, is exhibited for probate in open court by George Smith & Peter Rourke the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Josiah Smith is proved by the oath of and examination of Wm. H. Wacker & John B. Evans the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing & every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of the said Josiah Smith and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and therefore the said George Smith and Peter Rourke, Executors as aforesaid is duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. Said Will is in the following words and figures, to wit:— I, Josiah Smith of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, being of feeble health in body, but of sound mind, God be praised for His goodness, do ordain and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Harriet Smith, and my children who may be living at my death and those who may be born after my death, should there be such all my estate both real and personal, each wife & child to share alike. I desire and do hereby enjoin on my Executors, hereinafter to be named, to keep up my plantation whereon I now reside with the negroes thereon, unless the negroes increase so much as to make it necessary for the prudent and profitable management of the estate to hire them out, then, in that event, they shall be at liberty to go. When my son Thomas becomes of age (21 years) or should be die before that time, at such time as when he would have arrived at that age had he lived. I wish all my estate both real and personal, equally divided between my wife Harriet Smith and my children, each sharing alike and should any of my children marry before that time or such time as the division shall take place and

Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23rd day of September, 1794.

Witnesses. *Needham Gause* *Capl*
Wm Gause & Jeremiah Vereen, Junr

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No 11 -

State of North Carolina,

Brunswick County. } Personally appeared Samuel Coe
 before me Walter Wingate, a Justice appointed to keep the peace
 for the County aforesaid, and made oath that Charles Brown
 departed this life on Saturday the 26th. Instant about Nine o'clock
 as near as he, the deponent, can tell, and the said Brown, not
 having an opportunity of leaving a will in writing made a
 Verbal Will as follows; that is to say, that all his children
 should have part of his Estate, desiring that his son David
 Brown should have the biggest part.

Samuel Coe
Deponent

Sworn to before me this 26th day
 of April, 1800.

Walter Wingate,
J. P.

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No. 135

In the Name of God, Amen! I, John Hall, of the County
 of Brunswick, and State of North Carolina, being weak in body
 but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be
 my last Will and Testament, revoking all former ones, if any.
 First, I wish my debts to be discharged as speedily as possible but
 with convenience to the small estate I leave, hoping my creditors
 will not push their demands so as to injure my poor wife & children.
 But I request my Executors, hereinafter mentioned, to exert themselves
 and satisfy my creditors as fast as they can by paying them. Second,
 I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife, Elizabeth Hall all my
 household furniture of every kind, whatsoever, kitchen furniture
 plantation tools, my horse Box, chair and harness, and all the cattle
 I may be possessed of, and a fifth part of all the rest of my personal
 estate. Third, I give and bequeath to my daughters Sophia Hall,
 Lucy Hall, and my sons Thomas McLaine Hall and William Roger Hall,
 all the rest of my personal estate share and share alike to be divided
 when any, or one of my said daughters shall arrive at the age of eighteen
 years or marriage, but the boys not to take possession of their shares un-
 til they arrive to the age of one and twenty: Fourth, It is my will and
 desire that the negroes be kept together as they now are on Mount Pleasant
 and worked to pay the debts, and I wish my Executors hereinafter mentioned
 to get of William Henry Hall, Esquire who has the proper title for Mount
 Pleasant, a good and sufficient transfer of said Mount Pleasant to my
 wife for life time and at her decease to my sons Thomas McLaine Hall &
 William Roger Hall to be equally divided between them, and in case
 of the death of either my two sons, Thomas or William the survivor
 to inherit the plantation as above mentioned and in case of the death
 of both of my sons then and in that case the said plantation to be
 divided between my daughters Sophia Hall and Lucy Hall equally
 and their heirs. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my brother, William
 Hall, my watch and wearing apparel such as coats, waistcoats, and
 breeches. Lastly I nominate and appoint my dear wife, Elizabeth Hall
 my friend Captain William Hall, Colonel Samuel Ashe of Blagden Hall
 on Rocky Point and son to the Governor, and Judge Samuel Ashe, William
 Hall, junior, my brother, George Davis, Esquire, and George Lucas, Esquire,
 Executors of this my last will & Testament. In testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this 10th day of March A. D. 1801.
 Signed, sealed and delivered by the Testator *J. Hall, Capl*
 to be his last will & Testament in presence of us, Geo. Lucas, Jr. & John Hall,
 the Will of John Hall, being proved in open court by the oath of John Hall,
 a subscribing witness thereto, Capt. William Hall an Executor therein named
 appeared & testified.

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 Ratified Feb'y 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records Book A. D. p. 23 & 24.