

No. 114

State of North Carolina }
Brunswick County }

First

Being of Sound Mind and memory but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

That my executor hereafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, And pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Then

I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Hewett Twenty Eight Head Cattle all in my mark; under square in right ear & split under bet the left ear. I give to my wife Ten head of Sheep in the same mark. I give to my wife Thirty head of Hogs all in the above described mark. All of my Stock of Cattle and Sheep and Hogs I give to my wife Two Beds and Bedsteads Covering, and I give to my wife Two Bed-boards And all of my house furniture and kitchen furniture and all my plantation Tools plows, axes & carts Consisting of two. Also I give to my wife three Bee-hives all the domestic Poultry and poultry, all the Crop of every description that may be upon the plantation whereon I now live, and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death so long as my wife Elizabeth Hewett may live a natural life, but if she should get married all the above mentioned property to be equal divided between my four children, first Ephraim Hewett & Maryann Phelps & Amanda Hewett & Nancy J Holden all the property I leave to my wife to be equally divided between the four children at the death of my wife, and

Lastly

I do hereby, constitute and appoint my trusty friend Ephraim Hewett my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said Edward ^{his} Hewett do hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of August 1877

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Edward Hewett to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of

us who, at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

(Seal)

George W. Griffith
Jesse Lancaster

State of North Carolina }
Brunswick County }

Probate Court April 1st 1878

The due execution of the foregoing will is proved before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for the County and State aforesaid by the oath and examination of George W. Griffith and Jesse Lancaster who after being duly sworn depose and say: that they saw the Testator sign the said will, that he acknowledged the same to be his will, and that they signed the same as witnesses at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other,

Therefore let it be recorded in the Book of Wills together with this Certificate

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and date above written



Saml. P. Swanin
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina }
Brunswick County }

Probate Court April 1st 1878

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of Probate of the County aforesaid Ephraim Hewett who after being duly sworn depose and say: that he is the sole executor named in the will of Edward Hewett deceased, that the value of the testators property is about nine hundred dollars, Consisting of one Horse, 35 Head Sheep, 28 Head Cattle, 30 Head Hogs, 2 Bed & Bedsteads, Irons, hold & kitchen furniture, 2 blooded Bows, Pottery, Corn, Potatoes &c, 200 Acres Land Homestead.

That the names of the heirs are Elizabeth Hewett, Ephraim Hewett, Mary Ann Phelps and Amanda Hewett and Nancy J Holden all of whom reside in the County of Brunswick.

Ephraim Hewett

Sworn to and Subscribed }
before me this 1st April
1878

Saml. P. Swanin
J. J. of Probate

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

A paper-writing purporting to contain the nuncupative will of Henry Johnson deceased and which is in words and figures following to wit: — The last will and Testament of Henry Johnson verbally made and declared on Monday night the 29th day of July 1878. at the house of Henry Shaw in the City of Wilmington in our presence, who were specially required to bear witness thereto by the testator himself. — I appoint Reverent D. J. Saunders Administrator of my estate in the Counties of New Hanover and Brunswick and also a life insurance Policy in the Piedmont and A. Ryglon Insurance Company for Three Thousand Dollars. The premium on this is due on the 27th of August 1878. And there is to my account in Bank a sufficient amount to pay the same.

The whole of my estate after paying all my lawful and just debts shall be for the benefit of my only legal heir William Doomer Johnson who the said administrator shall place under the care of a lady by name Mrs Henry Shaw under the supervision of the said administrator for two years, and after the expiration of the above time to be under the control of the said administrator who shall see to his education.

In my possession are thirty six receipts of insurance showing that four hundred seventy five dollars and eighty four cents has been paid — An agreement between myself and Joe Davis on my farm is one half each of the crop made for the year 1878, time to phone January 1st 1879 — The farm to be left to three disinterested men to say whether it is worth keeping for my heir W. D. Johnson.

On an agreement between myself and Wells and to detach for me at four cents and a half a yard he has received in payment thirteen dollars and a half.

This my last will and testament which on my right mind and my dying bed Amen.

The foregoing was verbally made and declared by the testator Henry Johnson as and for his last will and testament in our presence and hearing, and we were specially required to be present at the making thereof and to bear witness thereto by the testator himself, that the same was made in the last sickness of the testator while he was from home, at the house of Henry Shaw in the City of Wilmington North Carolina where the testator died; that said last will and testament was made and declared by the testator Henry Johnson on the 29th day of July 1878.

and put in writing within ten days after such making, to wit on the 3rd day of August A.D. 1878.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 3rd day of August A.D. 1878. as witnesses
The word mine intended before signing

James W. Polfari
Henry Taylor

is exhibited for probate before me the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said County, by D. J. Saunders the executor therein named, and it is therefore proved by the evidence of J. W. Polfari and Henry Taylor that the said Henry Johnson in his last illness at the house of Henry Shaw in the City of Wilmington, and while he was of sound and disposing memory, and in their presence, did make a nuncupative will, and did in said will bequeath his estate to the person and in the manner mentioned in said writing, and that they, the said, J. W. Polfari and Henry Taylor were especially requested by the said Henry Johnson to be witnesses thereto, and it is also proved that the said Henry Johnson died on the 31st day of July A.D. 1878 and that the said nuncupative will was reduced to writing as aforesaid on the 3rd day of August 1878.

And it further appearing from the return of the Sheriff of New Hanover County that process has been duly executed upon William Doomer Johnson and it further appearing proof has been served upon Henry Shaw Guardian Ad Litem.

It is therefore adjudged, that the said paper writing doth contain the nuncupative will and testament of the said Henry Johnson, and the same as aforesaid is filed and recorded this 10th day of September 1878.

Sam'l P. Swann
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
Brunswick County } Sept 29th 1879

The execution of the foregoing Will, is proved before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for the County and State aforesaid by the Oaths and Examination of Job McMillon and George H. Giff who after being duly sworn depose and say: that they saw the Testator sign the said will, that he acknowledges the same to be his will and that they signed the same, as witnesses at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Therefore let it be registered in the Book of Wills together with this Certificate
Given under my hand the day and date above written

Saml P Swain
Judge of Probate

I Jeremiah Hewitt of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, being of Sound Mind and Memory, but considering the uncertainty of my Earthly Existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: -

First That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whom soever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item - I give and devise to my beloved wife Ann E. Hewitt three hundred and ten acres of Land including my house and all my improvements of every kind to have and to hold to her the said Ann E. Hewitt for and during the time of her life -

I Jeremiah Hewitt give to my wife one bay near ten years old - I give to my wife thirteen head of cattle I give to my wife thirty one head of hogs, I give to my wife Ann E. Hewitt twenty one head of sheep -

I give to my wife two beehives and all the increase of all the above mentioned stock of all kinds -

I give to my wife one boat and two Nets -

I give to my beloved wife Ann E. Hewitt all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind,

I give to my wife one blacksmith shop and tools Also I give to my wife one Cart, I give to my wife all of my domestic poultry of every kind during her life to her use and benefit as she may think best,

I give to my wife one wood shop also, I give to my wife twenty five dollars now in the hands William H. Rabon to her own use and benefit -

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend J. C. Mooney my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Jeremiah Hewitt do hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of August 1879. Signed Sealed published and declared by me