

State of north Carolina }
Buncombe County } Will

I James Pickett of the county of Buncombe 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 Executors 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, however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife, one hundred and thirty five acres of land to be set out by metes and bounds, in and of my home tract, whereon I now live, so as to include my mansion house, all out houses and other improvements, to have and to hold to her the said Nancy Pickett, for and during the term of her natural life, in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate.

I give and bequeath unto Margueritt Guffy, the wife of P. L. Guffy, and give and devise unto B. C. Chatam, fifty acres of land, to be equally divided by my said Executors between the said Margueritt Guffy, and the said B. C. Chatam, to be set out by metes and bounds in and out of the tract of land I now own, known as the Chestnut plot, to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

My Will and chain and I give and devise and bequeath, to my beloved wife Nancy Pickett, all my personal property, including all my beds and bed clothing and furniture, all the household and kitchen furniture and including all tools and of every description cows,

young cattle, horses, mules, colts, boys, sheep, and all the domestic fowls and poultry, and all the rest 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, for the use of it the said personal property, for my said wife during her natural life, and at her my said wife's death, the same shall be sold either at public ~~auction~~, or private sale, as my said Executors, may deem it best, and the proceeds of such sale, shall be equally divided and paid over to my children in equal share to each and every of them, and share alike to each and every of them, their Executors administrators and assigns, absolutely forever, and to ~~behold~~ from and to the death of my said wife, including that portion of my personal property consisting of beds and bed clothing, household and kitchen furniture, which I think shall be equally divided, in equal shares to all my children and share alike to each and every of them, their Executors administrators and assigns forever. Without sale.

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My Will and devise is that all the residue of my estate, after taking out the debts, and legacies above mentioned, shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and respecting all receipts and bond conveyances given made and granted, by me up to the time of death, and the surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies, that such surplus shall be equally divided, and paid over to all and each of my following named children, to wit: A. H. Pickett, Susan Silliman, the wife of Alfred Silliman, Maria Clements, the wife of David Clements, Leonard, Mary Bowde the wife of James Bowde, James Nesbitt, the wife of P. L. Nesbitt, and Nancy Nesbitt the wife of John W. Nesbitt, in equal portions share and share alike, to them and each and every of them, their Executors administrators and assigns, absolutely forever, and to the heirs and assigns, absolutely forever, and to the heirs and assigns, absolutely forever.

and appoint, my truly and worthy son, A. H. Pinkston, and my truly and worthy Grandson D. M. Clements, my lawful executors, 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.

I, the Witness Whose I the said James Pinkston do hereto set my hand and seal, this 24 day of September A.D. 1888,

James Pinkston (Seal)

signed sealed published and declared, by the said James Pinkston 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.

John H. Smiley (Seal)
J. W. Perbitt (Seal)

North Carolina
Buncombe County. } Before the Clerk.

as is the last will and testament of James Pinkston, deceased.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Pinkston, deceased, is exhibited in open court for probate by A. H. Pinkston, & D. M. Clements, the Executors, therein named, and appears thereto from Ashworth of the County of Buncombe N.C. being duly sworn deposes and says, that James Pinkston is dead and that J. W. Perbitt is also dead further that he now and still is well acquainted, with the hand writing of the said James Pinkston, having often seen him write, and that the name of said James Pinkston subscribed as testator to said will, is in the hand writing of the said James Pinkston.

John. Ashworth.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of August 1893

North Carolina } Before me
Buncombe County } Before the Clerk

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Pinkston, deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by A. H. Pinkston and D. M. Clements, the Executors therein named, and in reference thereto B. F. Freeman of Henderson county, N.C. being duly sworn deposes and says, that J. W. Perbitt one of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of said James Pinkston, ~~and~~ ^{he} is dead. Further that he was well acquainted and is still well acquainted with the handwriting of the said James Pinkston, J. W. Perbitt having often seen him write, and that the name of the said J. W. Perbitt, subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the hand writing of the said J. W. Perbitt.

B. F. Freeman.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 19th 1893.

J. L. Cathey C. C.

Buncombe County } Before me
North Carolina }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of James Pinkston deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Court for said county, by A. H. Pinkston and D. M. Clements, the Executors therein mentioned, and the dec. executing thereof by the said James Pinkston, by the oath of and Examination of John H. Smiley one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and make for himself deponent, and sayeth that he is subscribing witness to the paper writing, now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of James Pinkston in the presence of this deponent. Subscribed his name at the

and of said John writing which now shown
as aforesaid and which was done the 24th
day of September, 1888. and the deponent further
deposeth that the said James Buckner the
testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing
his name aforesaid declare the said John
writing so subscribed by him and exhibited
to be his last will and testament, and that
deponent did then and there subscribe his name at
the end of said will as an attesting witness
thereunto and at the request and in the
presence of the said testator and this deponent
further deposes that at the said time when
the said testator subscribed his name to the
said last will as aforesaid and at the
time of aforesaid subscribing his name as
an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said
James Buckner 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 this deponent and further
that deponent says not.

John T. Canley
Sworn to & subscribed this 9th day of July
1893.
J. L. Cathey
Clerk of said Court Buncombe Co.

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County }

I Maria Goodrum of Ashville N.C.
being of sound mind, but in infirm health
hereby make and declare this to be my last
Will and Testament, and I appoint M. M. D. Halland
as my executrix, without Bond to carry out
the provisions of my said Will.
I desire that my funeral expenses, shall be paid
out of the sale of my property, (said sale to be
public or private at the discretion of said
executrix, M. M. D. Halland) and that my daughter
Phoebe be paid (\$39.00) thirty nine dollars; money
that she has paid me for for my medicine
and doctors bill also whatever my
and have receipt to show.

After this, she is to be paid for her support and care of
me the residue of my estate, if any. I wish to be divided
equally between Phoebe and my other heirs.
Maria's Goodrum

Signed by Maria Goodrum in our presence, and by
each of us, in her presence, and in the presence of each
other,

Witness E. A. Merriam
Witness M. M. D. Halland

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County } In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Maria
Goodrum, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned
Clerk of Court for said County, by M. M. D. Halland the
executrix, there in mentioned, and the due execution thereof
by the said, Maria Goodrum, by the oath and examination
of E. A. Merriam & M. M. D. Halland, the subscribing wit-
nesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both depose and say,
and each for her self depose and saith, that they are
subscribing, witnesses to the paper writing now shown
him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Maria
Goodrum, that the said Maria Goodrum, in the presence
of these deponents, subscribed her name at the end of said
paper writing, which now shown as aforesaid.

And the deponents further saith, that the said Maria Goodrum
the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name
as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed
by her and exhibited, to be her last Will and Testament.
And these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names
at the end of said will as an attesting witnesses thereto, and at
the request and in the presence of said testator. And
~~as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and~~
~~in the presence of said testator.~~

these deponents further saith, that at the said time
when the said testator subscribed her name to the said
last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of aforesaid
subscribing their names as an attesting, witnesses thereto
as aforesaid, the said Maria Goodrum, 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 this
deponents. And further these deponents say that,
this deponent and Subscribed } E. A. Merriam
this 9th day of Oct 1893. } M. M. D. Halland