

Burcombe County  
I Leander Rimmer of the county and State aforesaid  
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 widow's homestead; shall provide for  
my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of  
my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses  
together with my just debts houses and to  
whomsoever owing out of the moneys out of the  
moneys as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item: I give and devise to my beloved wife the  
tract of land whereon I now live so as to include  
the mansion house all out houses and  
other improvements to have and to hold to  
be the said Rhoda Rimmer 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.

Item: I give and devise to my eldest son Daniel  
Rimmer all that tract of land by me purchased  
from Henry Warron containing two hundred and  
twenty two acres or thereabouts more or less to  
have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee  
simple forever.

Item: I give and devise to my youngest son S. A.  
Rimmer, and youngest daughter Rozella Rimmer all  
that tract of land lying south of an east and west  
line running from chestnut oak David Meritts  
corner on top of a mountain and with an east  
and west line of fence on the south side of  
the old Bennett house to a point in S. and R.  
Blakes line, including the Paul Thoms tract  
and all the other Freeman tract lying  
south of the aforementioned east and west  
line and including all that tract of land  
purchased by me from Middy Shoat, and  
her heirs, containing three hundred and  
fifty acres or thereabouts more or less and  
being a portion of the land whereon I now  
live and a portion of the land devised in  
a former item as a life estate to my wife of  
this my will to have and to hold to them and

their heirs in fee simple forever.  
Item: I give and devise to my youngest son  
S. A. Rimmer and my youngest daughter  
Rozella Rimmer, the north or lower half of a  
tract of land lying on the French Broad River  
known as the John Kyle tract the north or lower  
half adjoining the land of S. A. Lancer to  
have and to hold to them and their heirs in  
fee simple forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my said beloved  
wife Rhoda Rimmer and four children the proceeds  
of two notes of one hundred and fifty dollars each  
held by me against Ford M. Purley the money  
when collected to be equally divided between my  
wife and four children share and share  
alike.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint  
my trusty friend M. M. Rimmer and S. A.  
Rimmer, 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 revoke and declaring utterly void all other  
wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Leander Rimmer do  
hereunto set my hand and seal this March 20<sup>th</sup> 1894  
Leander Rimmer

Signed, read, published and declared by the said  
Leander Rimmer 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.  
Entered bind before signing  
J. H. Shoat.

State of North Carolina  
Burcombe County  
I paper purporting to be the last will and testa-  
ment of Leander Rimmer, deceased is exhibited before  
me the undersigned clerk of the said county  
for said county by S. A. Rimmer & M. M.  
Rimmer the executors, their intentions, and  
the due execution thereof by the said  
Leander Rimmer by the oath, and examination  
of M. M. Rimmer & J. H. Shoat the subscribers

written therein. also being duly sworn doth depose  
and say, and each for himself doth depose and say,  
that he is a subscribing witness to the paper  
writing now shown him purporting to be the  
last will and testament of Leander Birmer  
that the said Leander Birmer in the presence  
of this deponent, subscribed his name at the  
end of said paper writing which now shown  
as aforesaid and which bears date the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of March 1844

the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name  
as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be his last will and testament  
and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his  
name at the end of said will as a subscribing witness  
therein, and at the request and in the presence  
of the said testator, and this deponent further  
saith that at the said time, when the said  
testator subscribed his name to the said last  
will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent  
subscribing his name as an attesting witness  
therein, as aforesaid, the said Leander Birmer  
was of sound mind and memory, of full age  
to execute a will and was not under any  
constraint, to the knowledge information or belief  
of this deponent; and further that deponent  
doth not

Wm S Murray (Seal)  
J. H. Shoat (Seal)

Duly sworn and subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
June 1846. before me  
J. H. Leathery, C. C.

North Carolina

Runcosme County

Upon examining the foregoing proofs and affidavits  
it is considered, read, and approved, that the  
foregoing paper writing and every part thereof is  
the last will and testament of Leander Birmer  
aforesaid.

Therefore let the same together with the proofs be  
recorded and filed. This July 6<sup>th</sup> 1846

J. H. Leathery  
Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina } In the Superior Court before the Clerk.  
Runcosme County }

In Re  
Will of Sarah Ann Croft.

Your petitioners, Franklin Croft, Sr., and Lurch  
Croft, respectfully shew unto the court as follows:  
1. That Sarah Ann Croft, late of Greenville County,  
State of South Carolina, is dead, having left a  
last will and testament, in which your petiti-  
oners are named and appointed as sole executors  
and the trustees of her estate.

2. That the said Sarah Ann Croft died seized  
and possessed of certain property, both real and personal,  
situate in the County of Runcosme and State of  
North Carolina, as near as can be ascertained,  
to the value of \$7500. real estate and \$2900.00 personal  
property.

3. That by said last will and testament, the  
testatrix devised and bequeathed unto your petitioners,  
the said Franklin Croft, Sr.; and Lurch Croft, her  
entire estate in said County and State in trust  
for the use and benefit of here three children,  
Joseph C. Croft of East Orange, New Jersey;  
Franklin Croft, Jr., of New York City, State of  
New York. Mrs. Eleanor Munnings of the  
City of Paris, France.

4. That the said last will and testament of said  
Sarah Ann Croft has been admitted to probate  
in the Court of Probate in said County of Green-  
ville and State of South Carolina, having been  
proved according to the law of said State of  
South Carolina on the oath and examination of one  
of the subscribing witnesses to said last will and  
testament, to-wit, the oath and examination of  
Byron Holley.

5. That said will is executed according to the laws  
of North Carolina, and is attested by three subscri-  
bing witnesses, namely, J. D. Donaldson, Byron Hol-  
ley and John H. Maxwell.

6. That your petitioners herewith file a copy of  
said last will and testament, and a copy of all  
the proceedings had in the said Probate Court