

In the name of God, Amen. I, Benjamin Wade, of the County of Carters and State of North Carolina, of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, make public and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say: First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate I give and bequeath to Ester P. Sherwood. Likewise, I make constitute and appoint Caswell Hanner to be executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal, the fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and seventy three.

Benjamin P. Wade (Real mark)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Benjamin P. Wade, in our presence, and acknowledged by him, to each of us, to be his last will and testament.

Nelson A. Bell

John S. Tucker

Carters County, Court of Probate. April 24th. 1873

The execution of the foregoing will is proved before me, according to law, by the oath and examination of Nelson A. Bell and John S. Tucker, the subscribing witnesses thereto; who swear that they saw Benjamin P. Wade execute the same as his last will and testament, that they attested it in his presence, and at his request; and that at the time of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

Caswell Hanner qualifies as executor.

In Book of Orders & Decrees, page 60.

Jas. Ramlig, Judge of Probate.

I, Anson Gillikin, of the County of Carters, 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:

Item: that my executors hereinafter named, 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, howsoever, and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into their hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item: I give and devise to my beloved wife all my property, both personal and real, to have and to hold the same during her natural life, or widowhood, at my wife's death I desire that my son, Oliver C. Gillikin, shall have the lower field, known as the latter field, all that portion of it which lies west of the ditch, which shall be a division between him and my son Washington W. Gillikin whom I desire to have the Eastern portion of said field, and also the lands which I purchased of William Hancock &c.

Item: It is my desire that the pasture land on the Western part of the above named field, may be used in common amongst my children.

Item: I give and devise to my daughters Rhoda J. Charlotte, Caldonia, Mary, and Missouri &c., one dollar each out of my estate.

Item: the residue of my property (at my wife's death, should there be any) I desire to be equally divided amongst all of my children, and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons, Oliver C. and Washington W. and also William Lawrence and Daniel Gillikin, 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.

In witness whereof I, the said Anson Gillikin do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 3rd day of July, A.D. 1872

Anson Gillikin (Real mark)

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said
 Jason Gillikin, to be his last will and testament, in
 presence of us who, at his request, and in his presence
 do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Richard Leffers.

Benj. Gillikin

Carters County. Court of Probate. June 16th 1873.

The execution of the foregoing will is proved
 before me, according to law, by the affirmations of Benjamin
 Gillikin, and the oath of Richard Leffers, the subscribing
 witnesses thereto, who, on affirmation and oath, as aforesaid
 declare, that they saw Jason Gillikin the testator, execute
 the same as his last will and testament; that they attested
 in his presence, and at his request; and that, at the time
 of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind
 and disposing memory. (See book of Orders & Deeds
 page 61)

Jas. Rumley, Judge of Probate.

Fort Mason, N.C.

July 13th 1873.

To the Commanding Officer

Company E., 2nd Artillery;

I request in case of my death that
 you dispose of what money and effects I have
 in the following manner:

All money now in the hands of Sergt. Doyle to
 be disposed of in purchasing a head stone after my burial;
 the balance and what is coming to me from the Govern-
 ment, to be given to the Catholic Priest at Newbern
 for to say masses for me and my relatives.

John ^{his} O'Brien
 mark

Witness-

George King, Private, Company L, 2nd Artillery.

William H. Conover, Private Company L, 2nd Artillery.

Michael Doyle, Sergeant, Company E, 2nd Artillery.

Carters County. Court of Probate. March 3rd 1874.

The execution of the foregoing will is proved before me,
 according to law, by the oaths and examination of George King
 and William H. Conover, subscribing witnesses thereto, who
 swear that they saw John O'Brien, the testator, execute the
 same as his last will and testament; that they attested it
 in his presence, and at his request; and that, at the time
 of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind
 and disposing memory; and that J. C. Seantling, 1st Lieut.
 2nd Artillery, U. S. A., Company E., Fort Mason, N.C. was,
 at the time thereof, the Commanding Officer of said Company.
 Jas. Rumley, Judge of Probate.

(J. C. Seantling, Executor)

I, Josephus Lewis, of the County of Carters 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 fol-
 lowing, that is to say:

Item, I give and devise to my beloved wife all of
 my property, real and personal during her natural life
 after the death of my wife to be distributed as follows
 to wit: Item, I give to my sons Jim and Freeman Lewis,
 one horse each. I give to my daughters Jennette & Stan,
 one cow each. I give to the heirs of my daughter Chariam
 one dollar each. I give to my son Joseph and my daughter
 Sarah the house and tract of land upon which I now
 live. I give to my son David ten acres of land lying
 near Abingois Creek. I give to my son Joseph one half
 of boat called Palestine and one canoe he now claims.
 The balance of my property, if any, after the death of
 my wife, to be equally divided among my children,
 share and share alike. I give to my daughter Sarah
 one cow and calf.

Josephus Lewis Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said