

I, Michael F. Haskitt, of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare my last will and testament in the following to wit:

First, after all my just debts are paid I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Tryphena and her heirs, all my personal property, of every description, to her and her heirs, absolutely, forever.

Second. I nominate and appoint my esteemed friends Borden Haskitt and John P. C. Davis, Executors to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have here signed my name and affixed my seal this 1st day of January 1859

M. F. Haskitt

Signed, published and declared in the presence of

R. W. Chadwick

George Walker

Gaston County Court Feb. Term A.D. 1859

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Michael F. Haskitt deceased, exhibited for probate in open Court, by Borden Haskitt one of the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said Michael F. Haskitt is proved by the oaths and examination of Robert W. Chadwick and George Walker, the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered

the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Michael F. Haskitt deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Borden Haskitt Executor as aforesaid, qualifies as such by taking the oaths required by law

Jas. Rumley C. C.

Be it remembered that I, Elijah Weeks, of Gaston County, and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, Blesed be Almighty God, for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, —

First, — I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, during her widowhood, or if she never marries, during her life, all my household and kitchen furniture, and at her decease, or in the event of her marrying, to be equally divided among all my children that may be living at the time. I also give unto my beloved wife and children, all my lands and negroes, stock, farming implements, crops and all other property not herein mentioned, to be equally divided among them that are alive, when the youngest child living shall be come of age, i.e. Twenty-one years old. Until then I wish my entire estate to be kept together, as at present, to be hired

out or worked, at the discretion of my Executors, and the proceeds to be equally divided among the heirs above named after supporting the family and paying the expenses of the farm. I will and

desire that all my just debts be paid of the proceeds of my farm, from the sale of slaves, or from the sale of any property that my executors may think best.

I appoint my sons Nedham B. & Robert M. Weeks, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this day of December A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

Elijah Weeks

Signed, sealed, published and declared before me above named Elijah Weeks to be his last will & testament, in our presence

Wm F. Bell

Isaac Weeks

Mary S. Bell.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Eastern District of North Carolina, County of Johnston. Feb. Term A.D. 1859.

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Elijah Weeks deceased, is exhibited for proof in open Court, by Robert M. Weeks, one of the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said Elijah Weeks is proved by the oaths and examinations of William F. Bell and Isaac Weeks, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court

that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Elijah Weeks deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Robert M. Weeks, executor as aforesaid, qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Branney Weeks, widow of Elijah Weeks, appears in Court, by A. G. Hubbard her attorney, and dissents from the said last will and testament of Elijah Weeks deceased.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

I, Allen Lupton of the County of Carteret 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 whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Then, I give and devise to my son John Lupton the piece of land where he now lives together with ^{my} house and improvements, Reserving my house and plantations to my wife during her widowhood or her natural life time if she remain unmarried, and then to belong