

Carteret County Court

August Term A.D. 1844

The within last Will of Thaddeus Shadwick dec'd. was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Edward Lewis one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Subsequently sworn that he believed the signature of the testator to be in his own proper hand writing, ordered said Will to be recorded.

Signed D. H. Rumbly Clk

In the name of God Amen I Esther Gaskins of the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina being of an advanced age but of sound mind and memory this being my last Will and testament August 29th 1843. I bequeath to my daughter Abigail all my property during her life and after her decease to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body.

Esther Gaskins her X mark

Martin S. Murphy
Elijah Lewis

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The above last Will of Esther Gaskins dec'd. was proved in open Court and in due form of law by the oath of Martin S. Murphy and Elijah Lewis the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Signed, D. H. Rumbly Clk

A true copy.

State of North Carolina

Be it remembered that before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for Carteret County at the Courthouse in Beaufort on the third Monday in February A.D. 1844. that Jesse B. Lewis and Isaac Lewis executors of James Lewis dec'd. by their Attorney Isaac Helled came into Court and offered for probate a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said James Lewis, which said paper writing is hereto annexed. Whereupon the defendants Isaac H. Lewis and Martin C. Lewis and David M. Lewis by their Attorney James M. Eyles also came into Court and filed their caveat to the probate of said paper writing as the last will and testament of James Lewis dec'd. and at said term of said Court it is ordered that an issue be made up to try the validity of said last will and testament by a Jury. Whereupon the said issue is made up and it is ordered by the Court that either party take depositions on giving ten days notice defendants to take their depositions at the house of Samuel B. Lewis on the Straits on the 1st day of March next to be read in Court in this Court, and the said Court is continued until the May term A.D. 1844 of said Court the said parties Plaintiff, viz. Jesse B. Lewis and Isaac Lewis Executors of James Lewis dec'd. by their Attorney Isaac Helled, and the defendants, Isaac H. Lewis Martin C. Lewis and David M. Lewis by their Attorney James M. Eyles, and a Jury of good and lawful men viz. John Lawrence, Abram Egger, William Miller Junr, Thomas C. Mason, James Hancock, Peter Nor, Thomas Roberts, Thomas Freshwater, John Atwater, William F. Bell, Jacob Chambers, Allen Lewis - being sworn and sworn law to try the said issue by whether the said paper writing now offered be and is the last will and testament of James Lewis dec'd. Find that the paper writing offered for probate to be the last will and testament of James Lewis dec'd.