

intention of this my last will and testament. And do I give and bequeath all the foregoing to my wife but I also give unto her all the personal and real property which I now hold, or shall in the future become possessed of in the County of Carteret, State of N.C., and elsewhere.

M. R. Gooding
Signed on board the Steam Ship "T. L. Wragg" July 11th 1865
in the presence of

S. J. Chadwick
Carteret County Court, Feb'y Term 1866

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Matthew R. Gooding deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court; and thereupon, it is proved by the oath and examination of Robert Walker and John Kellorse, that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said Matthew R. Gooding - such as notes, accounts and business letters, after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit, William V. Jeffery, Robert Walker and Thomas Duncan, that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said Matthew R. Gooding (having often seen him write) and verily believe that the name of the said Matthew R. Gooding, subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, are in the hand writing of the said Matthew R. Gooding. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last named witnesses, that the said hand writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Matthew R. Gooding. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Matthew R. Gooding, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

State of North Carolina. Carteret County.

I, Mary Davis of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but being mindful of the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, publish and declare my last will and testament, in the manner and form following - to wit:

First. I give and devise to my daughters, Mary C. Davis and Hannah C. Davis, and their heirs forever, all my estate, real and personal, except ten acres of land called the "Old Field", near Turner's Creek, and adjoining Stephen Chadwick's land.

Second. I appoint my sons Louis Davis and Allen Davis Executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 16th day of January 1865.

Mary C. Davis (Seal)
Mary C. Davis

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testatrix to be her last will and testament, in presence of us,

Ann S. Pigott
John P. C. Davis Jr.

Carteret County Court, February Term 1866.

The foregoing will is proved in open Court by the oath and examination of John P. C. Davis Jr. one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And Allen Davis, one of the executors named, qualifies as such, by taking the oath required by law.

Jas. Rumley C. C.