

In the name of God, Amen. I, Oliver Chadwick, of the Straits, in the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following - to wit:

Imprimis, I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be decently interred at the discretion of my surviving friends.

2nd. My will and desire is, that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid.

3rd. I bind to my beloved wife Mary Chadwick, during her natural life or widowhood, all my property and estate, both real and personal, of every description, to remain in her possession for the support of herself and such of my children as may remain with her, during her natural life or widowhood and no longer. But should the income of the property be insufficient for the support and schooling of my wife and children, then she is at liberty to sell and dispose of as much of the moveable property as shall be sufficient for that purpose, and she is also at liberty to sell any of the negroes that may become unruly, or so that she cannot manage them, and all such property as cannot be well taken care of.

4th. Should my wife marry again, my will is that she take such part of my property as the law will allow her, and that the remainder be equally divided among all my children.

5th. My will and desire is that at the death of my wife Mary Chadwick, that all my property be equally divided among all my children.

I hereby constitute and appoint
execut to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of January in the year

of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Oliver Chadwick

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Oliver Chadwick to be his last will and testament, in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of the testator.

Samuel Jeffers

Edgar Willis

Carteret County. Court of Probate. August 26, 1876.

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Oliver Chadwick dec. is exhibited for probate, and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Francis F. Chadwick, that Samuel Jeffers, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, is dead, that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Samuel Jeffers, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said Samuel Jeffers, subscribed as a witness to said will, is in the hand writing of the said Samuel Jeffers; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of Francis F. Chadwick, that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of Oliver Chadwick, the testator of said will, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said Oliver Chadwick, subscribed as the testator of said will, is in the hand writing of the said Oliver Chadwick.

And the execution of said paper writing by the said Oliver Chadwick has been heretofore proved by the oath and examination of Edgar Willis, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who sworn that he saw the said Oliver Chadwick execute the same as his last will and testament; that he attested the same in the presence of the said Oliver Chadwick, and at his request, and that, at the time of its execution, he was, in the opinion of the said Edgar Willis, of sound mind and disposing memory. (See book of Orders & Decrees, page 72.)

Jas. Rumby, Judge of Probate.