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I, M. R. Gooding, while laying at the R. R. Bridge
up the Ogeechee River, July 11th. 1862, do hereby give
statement of my unsettled business between myself and
the house of John Frazier & Co. of Charleston S. C.

In first page you will find a balance due me
of Two Thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars and
eighteen cents - \$2153.18, from the sail ship "London"
owners, I having been transferred from her, on the 17th
March 1862 to the St. "Thomas L. Wragg".

On my assuming the command of the present ship
"T. L. Wragg" the owners agreed with me, to be paid
as follows: one hundred dollars per Calendar month
commencing on the 18th day of March 1862 and in
addition to my monthly wages I was to have five per cent
on the gross amount of all freights, and to be cred-
ited to me at the port of discharge, in current funds
at that port. The first voyage therefore that I made, was
to Wilmington N. C., and the amount of my freight
that I made (as near as I can tell at present) was
one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, on which
amount \$1650 was due me at said place. I did not
receive the money however, but on my going to Charleston
from Wilmington by Rail, I think about the 2nd. of
May, I bargained with the house of John Frazier
& Co. for one twentieth of the ship, at the rate of one
hundred thousand dollars, but made no further
settlement with them. I then sailed from Wilming-
ton and arrived at Nassau N. C., having on board
one hundred and thirty-six bales of upland cotton
on ships acct., and on which my five per cent was due
but there was no settlement. After laying at Nassau
for sometime, I again sailed with a cargo for a con-
vate port with a cargo, & arrived safe at the place
from whence I write this, and delivered my cargo all
right, my freight amounting to about one hundred and
twenty thousand dollars, on which amount my

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part is due, as well as my interest in the ship; also
large quantity of goods was taken on board at Nassau
on ships acct., my proportion of which is also due,
and in a word, I have had no settlement since my
command commenced, my monthly wages are also due.
I have received from time to time moneys from the
ship's consignees on both sides; that is at Nassau, and
the Confederate States, which will appear in the first
part of this book as credits, and will also find my
charges near by. There is also in the hands of John
Frazier & Co. at Charleston eight hundred dollars to my
debit, which I sent to them by Captain James Chadwick
on or about the 18th. day of last March, which they have
acknowledged. I have been thus particular in describing
my private business with John Frazier & Co., as we all know
that life is uncertain, and in case of an accident to
me that my business may be more easily settled and
paid over to my wife. To whom, I wish, is all to go. I
will also give a further statement of business in the hands
of other parties, for the same purpose. I have, at the
present time, in the public bank at Nassau N. C. to my
debit, eight hundred and fifty-four pounds twelve shil-
lings & three pence Sterling, £854.12.3, and in the
hands of Henry Addley & Co. of same place I have on
note of hand against Capt Thomas C. Wallace for
the sum of one hundred dollars. also in their hands
one hundred boxes tobacco, which cost me thirty-one
hundred dollars. - I also have in the Bank of Cape
Fear at Wilmington N. C. the sum of one thousand
dollars to my credit - also in the hands of Capt. L. Ad-
ams of Charleston one hundred dollars.

All and every dollar of the foregoing amounts,
when settled, I wish, and my will is, that it should
be paid to my beloved wife, Rebecca Gooding, now
residing at Beaufort N. C. without reserve. I hope
the judges who settle my business, will see the true

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. Rumby, 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. Rumby, C. C.