

In the name of God Amen

I Stephen Dudley of the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory in a fettle health and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking all others by me made, that is to say

Item 1st I Give and bequeath to my son Isaac Dudley upon Plantation lying on White Creek running Line frompon to a bunch Live Oaks. and four stocks trees

Item 2nd I Give and bequeath to my son Thomas Dudley my Higgins Plantation. the line running from a bunch of Live Oaks to the grave yard. Four stocks trees and one feather bed.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my sons Stephen and John Dudley my home Plantation running from pon to a bunch Live Oaks, thence to the Grave Yards, on the river side including the Marsh. I give to Stephen my bed furniture and set for stocks trees all of my leather and corn all my house furniture and hogs and cows and my horse. I give to John one feather bed four stocks trees. I give to Stephen my fodder and cartes etc.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy May two Stocks trees and one hundred dollars out of my estate. The residue or remainder of my property equally divided between my children.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10th day January 1867

Stephen Dudley <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub>

Signed sealed in presence of

Richard C. Bell

Thomas B. Cannon

State of N. Carolina Carteret County

I, Stephen Dudley do declare this to be a codicil to my last will and testament that is to say if my son John should die without and heir that his part of the land lego

Stephen Dudley

signed in presence of

Richd. C. Bell

Thos. B. Cannon

Stephen Dudley <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub>

Carteret County Court, Feb'y Term 1867

The foregoing will of Stephen Dudley deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court, and the execution thereof, the said Stephen Dudley is proved by the oaths and examination of Richard C. Bell and Thomas B. Cannon, the abiding witnesses thereto

Administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said Stephen Dudley, is granted to Thomas Dudley, who enters into bond in the sum of \$2,500, with Richard C. Bell and Dexter G. Gammon sureties, and takes the oaths prescribed by law.

for Readby G. C.

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Shepard Ward of the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina, being sound and disposing mind and memory at this time (Helped be God) Yet knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do, this Fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and sixty, make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say. Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my executrix hereinafter named, should first pay and discharge all my debts and liabilities, including such as may be incurred in providing a suitable interment for my mortal remains. Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my stepson Elmo W. Bell the following tracts of Land, to wit, one plantation on the South side of Newport River known by the name of Shepard's Old Place, as will appear by the plat and division of said land, containing five hundred and fifty acres. Also one plantation on the South side of Newport River, where I now live, as will appear to be given to me from the Clerk & Master in Equity, containing five hundred and fifty acres. Also a patent of five