

often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said David W. Whitehurst, subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, are in the hand writing of the said David W. Whitehurst, and it is further proved by the evidence of the two last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said David W. Whitehurst. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said David W. Whitehurst, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Jas. Rumley, C. C.

John W. Whitehurst, Executor, qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

I, Watson Lawrence of the County of Gaston State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of life, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form as follows, that is to say:

Item - That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, if any, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my wife during the term of her natural life, the use and possession of the plantation on which I now reside, with the dwelling and out houses and all fixtures thereunto attached, and all other lands that I possess, together with the household and kitchen furniture and working tools of every description, except such as shall be otherwise disposed of in this will, also three cows of her choice, and all my stock of hogs - also forty dollars in cash

Item - I give and bequeath the above named plantation and lands to my son Laban Lawrence, to take effect at the death of said wife, to him and his heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Jennings three hundred dollars (\$300) out of my estate, to be put out at interest by my executor and used at his discretion, for the benefit and support of my said son Jennings to whom I also bequeath one bed and furniture.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachael Pine the sum of fifty dollars.

Item - My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate of every description (after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned) shall be sold and the debts that may be due to me collected, and whatever surplus may be left, after paying debts expenses, shall be equally divided and paid over to the children of my said daughter Rachael Pine and the children of my deceased son Asa Lawrence, share and share alike, to them and each of them, their executors, administrators and assigns, absolutely, forever.

And lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend David W. Whitehurst my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every clause and part thereof herein revoking and declaring utterly void, all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Watson Lawrence do hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of January A. D. 1860.

Watson Lawrence ^V ^(Seal)
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Watson Lawrence, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request, and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John Lawrence, David W. Lawrence,
William H. Whitehurst.

I, Watson Lawrence, named as testator in the foregoing will, do hereby make this present codicil, which do order and direct to be taken as a part thereof, and shall last will and testament, in all respects, except wherein it is altered by this codicil. I do hereby republish and affirm. My will and desire is that my son Jennings shall remain with my wife as one of her family, and in case she should die before him, that in addition to the bequests made to him, he shall hold a life estate after my wife in the premises granted to her - and that at the death of them both then to pass to my son Laban and his heirs forever - And my desire is that David W. Lawrence shall take the superintendence of my said son Jennings, and use the funds left in the hands of my executor for his support and maintenance with the consent & at the discretion of my said executor as stated in the said foregoing will.

In testimony whereof I the said Watson Lawrence do hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th. day of March 1860.

Watson Lawrence (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Watson Lawrence to be a codicil to his last will and testament, in presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, and the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John Lawrence

Anthony D. Lawrence

David W. Lawrence

Carteret County Court, May Term 1866.

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Watson Lawrence deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, and the due execution thereof, by the said Watson Lawrence, is proved by the oath and examination of John Lawrence and David W. Lawrence two of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court, that the

said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Watson Lawrence, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Asa Gillikin of North Carolina, Carteret County, North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, (blessed be God) do, this the second day of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say, First I leave to my wife Sarah Gillikin, my house and plantation, the whole of the tract containing one hundred and twenty acres, to have and to hold during her widowhood, with all improvements thereon, and after her death and my decease I give the said tract of land after taking half an acre for a burying place, to be equally divided to my five children by running East and West lines. First I give to my son David Chatham Gillikin the South fifth, adjoining of Lockhart Gibbs, to him his heirs and assigns forever. Second I give to my son John W. Gillikin one fifth adjoining of David Chatham, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. Third, I give to my son Ransom D. Gillikin one fifth, adjoining of John W. Gillikin to him his heirs and assigns forever. Fourth, I give to my daughter Elizabeth Gillikin one fifth, adjoining of Ransom D. Gillikin to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

After the decease of me and my beloved wife Sarah I leave to all of my children that is not married the use of my dwelling house during the time of their living a single life and not after.

Now I give to my son Asa W. Gillikin my dwelling house with one fifth of my land adjoining of my daughter Elizabeth and Rachael Simpson's land, with all the improvements thereon, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.