

will and testament; that they attested it in his presence and at his request; and that, at the time of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

John W. Sanders and David S. Sanders qualify as executors of said will.

(See Book of Orders & Decrees, page 68)

Jas. Rumley, Judge of Probate.

State of North Carolina. Carteret County.

I, Wiley F. Higgins, of the Town of Beaufort, County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of life, do make and declare my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First. I give and bequeath to my two children, Charles H. Leon Higgins and Theresa Taylor Higgins, after the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, the share in trade of merchandise, in my store, which may be on hand at my decease, the time of my decease, and all money and all personal property, which may be on hand, or may belong to me, at the time of my decease. To them and their executors and administrators forever.

Second. I hereby appoint my particular friend George W. Taylor, executor of this my last will and testament, and I commit the custody and tuition of my said children to him. I also authorize him to sell, at public or private sale, & at such times and places as he may choose, the stock in trade of merchandise, which I may leave on hand at my decease.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 5th day of April 1876.

W. F. Higgins

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator, to be his last will and testament, in presence of us, who, at his request, and in his presence, subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John Rumley,
O. Warren Wheeler.

Carteret County. Court of Probate. April 11, 1876.

The execution of the foregoing will is proved before me, according to law, by the oath and examination of P. Warren Wheeler and John Rumley, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swear that they saw the testator, Wiley F. Higgins, execute the same as his last will and testament; that they attested it in his presence and at his request; and that, at the time of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

George W. Taylor, the executor named in the will, qualifies as such.

(See Book of Orders and Decrees, page 70)

State of North Carolina. Carteret County. Oct. 20th. 1873

In the name of God - amen I, William D. Bell of Carteret County, do make and publish this to be my last will and testament. To divide my property which God has blessed me with among my children, in the following manner - viz:

1st. I give and bequeath to my son Cicero W. Bell, a certain piece or parcel of land lying on the West side of Harlow's run, beginning at a white oak on Harlow's run, running East to the middle of a small branch, then up said branch southwardly, to the road, then across the road and continuing up the same branch, to Hardesty's line, then North 80° degrees West to the main road, then Southwardly, down said road, to where Hardesty's line crosses the main road, it being the line of the Welch Land, then Westwardly, through swamp, to the water edge thereof, to Gideon C. Bell's line, then Northwardly, with his line, and a marked line, running North 39 degrees West, to Harlow's run, then down the various courses of said run to the beginning.

Also another tract known as the Westernmost h of of the Hasket Land.

Also, another tract lying on the East side of the canal, beginning at a point in the division ditch between myself and Gideon C.