

In the name of God Amen

I Stephen Dudley of the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, in feeble 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 side Creek running line from upon to a bunch Live Oaks, and four stocks bees

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 bees and one feather bed.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my sons Stephen and John Dudley my home Plantation running from upon to a bunch Live Oaks, thence to the Grave Yard, on the river side including the Marsh. I give to Stephen my bed furniture and set four stocks bees all of my leather and corn all my house furniture and hogs and calves and my horse I give to John one feather bed four stocks bees I give to Stephen my fodder and carters &c.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary May two stocks bees 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 ^{his} Dudley Seal
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Signed, sealed in presence of
Richard C. Bell
Thomas B. Cannon

State of N. Carolina Currituck 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 to go

Stephen Dudley
Signed in presence of
Richard C. Bell
Thomas B. Cannon

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Currituck County Court, July Term 1867

The foregoing will of Stephen Dudley deceased, is admitted for probate in open Court, and the execution thereof by the said Stephen Dudley, is proved by the oaths and examination of Richard C. Bell and Thomas B. Cannon, the subscribing 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 L. Gammon as sureties, and takes the oath prescribed by law

Jas. Ramsey C. C.

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Shepard Ward of the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being of 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 1st 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 Cicero W. Bell the following tracts of land, to wit, one plantation on the South side of Newport River known by the name of Shepards 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 by deed to me from the Clark & Master in Equity, containing five hundred and fifty acres. Also a patent of five

acres in front of said lands, Patented by me.
 Also, one tract on the North side of Newport River, containing one hundred and ninety two and half acres, undivided. Also one tract on Shepards Creek in the Patent, as will appear by Plat and division of said land, containing one hundred and twenty acres.
 Also one tract on Charlows Creek, containing two hundred and fifty acres, undivided. Also one tract on Roque Sound, Gales Creek, containing two hundred and sixteen acres, undivided. Also one tract on North River, Jumping Run, containing six hundred and forty acres, undivided. Also one tract on North River, adjoining, containing sixty acres, undivided. Also one tract on South side of Newport River, containing one hundred and fifty acres, undivided. Also one tract in the State of Tennessee, on Elk River, forty miles from Nashville, containing twenty-five hundred acres, undivided.
 Also, one tract Marsh Lewis' Thoroughfare, containing seventy acres, undivided. Also one tract Marsh House Island, containing twenty acres, undivided. Also one tract Island of Marsh, Cove Banks, containing three hundred acres, undivided. Also one tract Marsh in the mouth of Newport containing fifty acres, undivided. Also lots in the town of Bearport, Old Town, Lots No. 177, 178 & 186, undivided.
 To have and to hold to him the said Cicero W. Hill, his heirs and assigns forever.
 Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my nephew, Cicero W. Hill, the following negroes, to wit: Man Absalom, Man Caesar, woman Mary, woman Benier, woman Delia, woman Sarah, girl Corran, girl Mary Jane and Foy Zachariah. To have and to hold the same and every part thereof, to him the said Cicero W. Hill, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my nephew, Cicero W. Hill, all my horses, cattle, oxen, hogs and stock of every denomination whatever. Also all my household and kitchen furniture of every description. Also all my carts, cart wheels, wagon, plows, and farming utensils whatever. Also all my notes and accounts, and money that I may have on hand at my death. Also all my crop, stock and provisions that may be on hand or growing at my death. To have and to hold the same and every part thereof, to him the said Cicero W. Hill, his executor, administrators and assigns forever.

Item 5th. I do hereby constitute and appoint Abigail Hill of the town of Bearport, Executrix of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I, the said William Shepard Ward have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Wm. S. Ward (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Shepard Ward, the Testator, as his last will and testament, in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Carters County Court August Term 1867

The foregoing paper writing, with a transcript of the proceedings thereupon, in the Superior Court, having been remitted to this Court by the Superior Court of Law of Carters County, pursuant to a Judgment of the Supreme Court of this State, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this Court, that the said paper writing has been adjudged by the said Supreme Court to be the last will and testament of the said William S. Ward; it is therefore ordered that the said paper writing be recorded as the last will and testament of the said William S. Ward.

Jas. Rumley C. C.