

The last Will and Testament of Henry Shook

Henry Shook dec'd state of North Carolina Cuthbert County. I Henry Shook of the county of Cuthbert and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:-

First I will and bequeath to my daughter Catharine one young mule &c to Catharine and my daughter Susan one bay mare also my plantation wagon to my two daughters above named. I also will to my four daughters Sarah Fox, Susannah, Catharine, and Molly Sipe the plantation I now live on. They are not to sell their part of said land only to each other. The balance of my property is to be sold and the money to be equally divided among all of my children. February 24<sup>th</sup> 1870

Test:

J. B. Little  
Jacob X Hysner  
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J. C. Reitzel

State of North Carolina }  
Cuthbert County } ss In the Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry Shook "dec" is exhibited before me the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said county by Daniel Sipe "Adm" the executor herein named and the due execution thereof by the said Henry Shook by the oaths and examination of J. B. Little and Jacob Hysner the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn on oath say and depose and each for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry Shook. That the said Henry Shook in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which

is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1870  
And the deponent further saith, that the said Henry Shook the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing as an attesting witness thereto and at the request, and in the presence of the said Testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Henry Shook was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Deverally sworn and  
subscribed this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1870 before me.

M.C. Sherrill

Probate Judge

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