

and the money be equally divided among my  
legal heirs. It is my will that Frederick Smith  
be my Executor of this my last will and Testament.  
It is my will that the land Smith rents, the  
land after my death at his own discretion either  
private or publick as he chooses until the  
said Fanny Edward becomes of age. Whereunto  
I set my hand and affix my seal in presence of  
Eli Sigmund

Noah Gouss  
Noah T. Rowe

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Barbara & Charles Edward  
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Noah J. Row.

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State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court  
Catawba County } Dec. 19 1870

Catamba County } Dec 19 1870

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Barbara Eckard "dec'd" duly proved by the oath and examination of Noah Jount and A. J. Rowe subscribing witnesses thereto who declare that they signed their said paper writing that they saw it at the request of said Barbara Eckard and she declared the same to be her last will & Testament and that she was of sound mind & memory of full age and capable of making a will so far as they knew. Said will is admitted to Probate and recorded and letters Testamentary issued to H. Smith.

Wm. B. Sherrell  
Judge of Probate

Wm. O. Sherrill  
Judge of Probate

Judge of Probate

Miles Goodson  
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Jacob Goodson  
Executor

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The last Will and Testament of Miss Goodson  
Application for letters Testamentary.  
Columbia County:— In the Probate Court

Application for <sup>B</sup> Letters Testamentary.

Cataraugus County :- In the Probate Court

In the matter of the Will of Before Miles Wharton  
Wiles Goodson Judge of Probate

Wiles Goodson

Judge of Probate

great Goodson being sworn to the say: Short-Miles  
Goodson, late of said County, is dead, having  
just made & published his last will and Testament  
and that he, great Goodson is the executor named  
therein.

Further, that the property of the said Miles Goodson consisting of land stock household and kitchen furniture &c, &c, is worth about \$1200.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that the widow Violet Malinda, Monrose Goodson, John S. Goodson, Malinda Harnesthy are the parties entitled under said will to said property.

Jacob Goodson.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
this 30 day of Dec, 1870.

this 30 day of Dec. 1870.

Miles O. Hewitt

Judge of Probate,

In the name of God Amen.

I Miles Goodson of the County of Calhoun and  
state of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory  
but considering the uncertainty of any of my health  
existence do make and declare this my last will  
and Testament in manner and form following  
that is to say First that my executor hereinafter  
named shall provide for my body a decent burial  
suitable to wish of my family and relations and  
friends and pay all funeral expenses together with  
my just debts whomsoever and I am owing out  
of the moneys that may first come into his  
hands as a part or parcel of my estate  
I give and devise to my widow Eliot Malinda  
Goodson all my estate every way to have and hold  
for herself and my heirs which is Malinda Abernethy

she is to have and to hold her mingo horse and all the other property which she has in her possession at this time and also is to live on the premises and the balance to remain my widow as long as she does remain a widow and behaves herself like a widow and when ever she deserts from that every thing is to come in to my dear beloved Executor which I choose My brother Jacob Goodson and sold and the money left after pay all expenses to be divided or the property to be divided equal between my heirs which is Keatinda Abernathy or her heirs or Miles Munroe and John Sidney Goodson and I also give my Executor or widow the privilege of selling any property is left her at private or public sale which she can spare the best except my lands or my bay horse or my young mare called ferguson I want them to remain in the family as long as the live and want my Executor to settle all my estate ever way. At the time that the widow is no more my widow I want my land and property if my heirs is of age to be each the divided between them and if not the divided and rented out till they come of age or tended by the my heirs If the cant to do this and if the want to let them rent it themselves if not the executor rent. If my Executor Jacob Goodson does give gone off my next is to be my widow and Jacob Abernathy after paying my just debts give all my money and property to to my four heirs and there heirs simple forever and ever I heartily constitute and appoint my truly friend Jacob Goodson 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 part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore. In witness whereof I the said Miles Goodson doth does hereunto set my hand and fix my seal the 24 day August 1871

Signed published and delivered

Miles Goodson

by the said Miles Goodson to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of you who at this request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereunto.

Daniel Goodson

H. E. Jones.

{ State of North Carolina }  
Catawba County.

In the Probate Court

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Miles Goodson dec<sup>d</sup> was duly admitted to probate upon the oath and examination of Daniel Goodson & H. E. Jones subscribing witnesses thereto (see this testimony in full filled) And Jacob Goodson the executor therein named duly qualified

Miles P. Sherrill  
Judge of Probate

Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1871.

## The last Will and Testament of Thomas Cloninger.

## Application for letters Testamentary.

Thomas Cloninger  
deceased  
T. P. Cloninger  
Executor  
qualified  
Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 1871

In the matter of the will of } Before Miles P. Sherrill  
Thomas Cloninger } Judge of Probate

T. P. Cloninger being sworn doth say: That Thomas Cloninger, late of said County, is dead having first made and published his last Will and Testament; and that T. P. Cloninger is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Thomas Cloninger consisting of land, household and kitchen furniture stock of all kinds &c. &c. is worth about \$2000.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Sarah Cloninger (the widow) T. P. Cloninger Lemilla Herman Sarah Hunsicker Harvora Sherrill Sabina Roub's heirs without guardian are the parties entitled under said Will to said property

T. P. Cloninger

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 21 day of January 1871

Miles P. Sherrill

Probate Judge.

N. C. Catawba County.

May the 17<sup>th</sup> 1871

In the name of God Amen.

I Thomas Cloninger 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 mode following that is to say that my Executor herein after named shall provide for my Body a decent burial suitable to the request of my friends and &c.

1<sup>st</sup> Item I will and direct that my beloved wife Sarah shall have and hold to her own use full possession of my home premises during her natural life or widowhood in lieu of her dower; and further that she be well and decently supported by my son T. P. Cloninger in his share of 2<sup>nd</sup> Item I will and direct that my son T. P. Cloninger shall have and hold to his use my home