

heard and affixed my seal this the 11th day of
April A.D. 1840
in presence of
Wm. Whitehead
Chatham County

her
Hannah Loring
mark

This certifies that the foregoing
Last Will and Testament was
proven in open Court by the
oaths of Mr. S. Guthrie a subscribing Witness thereof
ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Joseph Holaday
entered into Bond as administrator with the Will
annexed with Stephen Chamney & Joseph Dyer
as his Securities, and was qualified.

Test. J. A. Attwood C.C.

State of North Carolina
Chatham County

To all whom it may concern. Know ye
that I Sarah the
of the State and County aforesaid being of sound
mind but infirm in body do hereby make this
my last Will and Testament. I wish to have
my boy Jim sold but have the liberty of choosing
his own master. I wish all my Stock to be sold
consisting of Cows Horses, and hogs and sheep but
not the horses till the crop growing on the farm
is made and secured - and that I do hereby give
bequeath unto my three daughter that is Sarah Perry
Anna Perry and Irena Thompson all my household
and kitchen property except one bed and furniture which
I do give and bequeath unto Sarah I am Thompson
daughter of John Thompson that is all the rest equally
divided of my household property amongst said three
daughters - Anna I do wish all the rest of my property
to be sold and equally divided amongst my three
daughters aforesaid except twenty five cents apiece

to all my grand children - Anna I wish all my crop
of corn wheat and oats now growing sold and
divided amongst my three daughters aforesaid and my
interest in all the crop now growing
may the 17th day 1840. And that I do appoint John
Thompson Executor to execute said Will
May 17th 1840
Sarah Loring
mark

Test
William Gloster (Deut)
Lucie William (Deut)

This certifies that the foregoing
Chatham County Last Will and Testament of
August Term 1840
Sarah Loring was proved in open Court by the
oaths of Mr. Gloster & Fred. Williams for the subscribing
Witnesses thereof and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon
John Thompson the Executor therein named appeared
in open Court & was duly qualified.
Test. J. A. Attwood C.C.

We recommend that J. Benjamin Hershaw
of North Carolina Chatham County being sick
and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind
and memory do make and ordain this my last
will and Testament in manner and form
following. Vizt. Item first I will and direct my
Executors hereafter named to pay all of my
just debts and expenses of burial out of my estate
they (my said Executors) may dispose of property
for that purpose as they may think best. Item
second I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Mary Hershaw the whole of the tract of
land in which I now live (computed to contain
ninety three acres be the same more or less)
during her natural life or so long as she
remains my widow and at the termination of

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widowhood it is my will that said Land belong
to my four sons namely Isaac Stewart James
and Nathan Hinshaw provided they shall pay
to my daughter Betsey Hinshaw the sum of
fifty Dollars to be due when Isaac or his sur-
viving brother shall have arrived at the age of
Twenty one year, or an year after as it shall
come into their possession after which time
my said daughter Betsey Hinshaw shall draw
no part of the profits of the Land And if any
of my aforementioned children shall die whilst
in minority and without lawful issue then
and in that case it is my will that said Land
belong to my surviving sons or son. My intent
and meaning is that all my children shall
share alike in the profits of the Land should
it come into their possession before any of them
shall come to lawful age. Item third I give
to each of my above named children two
Dollars to be made of such of my personal
property as my wife can best dispense with
Item fourth I give the balance of my personal
property to my wife during widowhood to enable
her to raise and educate the children I give
her all of my household furniture (except my Clock
and one bed and furniture also one cow and calf
and two sheep to be at her disposal Item fifth I do
hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife
Mary Hinshaw Executor and William Hinshaw

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Executor of this my last Will and Testament
In Witness whereof I the said Benjamin Minshaw
have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh
day of the fourth month in the year of our Lord one
thousand Eight Hundred and forty

Signed sealed and pronounced Benjamin Minshaw
by the said Benjamin

Minshaw to be his last Will
& Testament in the presence of

Jose Hobson (Aff)

William Minshaw jur (Aff)

Chatham County 3 This certifies that the foregoing
August Term 1840 } last Will & Testament of Benjamin
Minshaw dec'd was proved in open
Court by the affirmations of Jose Hobson & William
Minshaw for the subscribing Witnesses & ordered to
be recorded. Whereupon William Minshaw sen one of the
executors therein named appeared in open Court
& was qualified
Sede St. Stephens S.C.

State of North Carolina. Chatham County
I John Watson of the County & State aforesaid being
weak in body though in sound and perfect mind &
memory do this day make & ordain this my last
Will & Testament (To wit) I in the best place bequeath
my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried
in decent Christian burial. Secondly I give & bequeath
unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Watson during her
natural life time the following property. that is to say
I give & bequeath unto her all the land I may die
hopeful of on the north side of Pick Creek belonging
to what I call the James Brooks tract also one
acres and a cup that I bought of Samuel Brooks
where now my dwelling house stands together