

I Caleb Shoup, of the County of Gaston & State of North
Carolina, being of sound mind & memory but being un-
certain of my earthly existence do make & declare this my
last will & Testament in manner & form following to wit.
I give & devise to my beloved wife Amy, all my land that
I have, all my household & Kitchen furniture, all my horses &
Cows all my hogs, & all the property that I have in my possession,
I have & to hold as long as she remains in my name & after
her death to be divided equally amongst my six children.
Louisa, Susan, Fanny, Emma, Cornelius, & Theodora.
In witness whereof I Caleb Shoup, do hereunto set my hand
& seal this the 19. day of Dec'r 1863. Caleb Shoup. (Seal)
Signed in presence of }
Milton A. Smith. }
& Miles Abernathy. }

North Carolina } Before the Probate Court of said County.
Gaston County } March 10. 1873.

A paper writing
purporting to be the last will & Testament of
Caleb Shoup deceased dated 19. Dec'r 1863.
is offered for probate by M. C. Shoup, son of the
deceased, & the said paper writing is this day

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To Have & to hold as long as she remains in my name & after
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In witness whereof I Caleb Stoup, do hereunto set my hand
& seal this the 19. day of Dec'r 1863. Caleb Stoup. (Seal)
Signed in presence of }
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proven to be the last will & Testament of the said
Caleb Stoup, dec'd, by the examination & oath of

Milton A Smith, the subscribing witness thereto, for the said
 subscribing witness thereto M A Smith, upon his oath did say
 that he did see the said Testator Caleb Shoup sign and
 declare & deliver the said paper writing which is now
 known to him to be his last will & Testament. at the said time
 & date of said will & Testament, & that the said Caleb Shoup,
 did request & ask the said witness M A Smith to sign his
 name thereto as an attesting witness to said paper writing,
 whereupon the said M A Smith did also sign his name
 to the same as an attesting witness thereto, and thus the
 said Testator Caleb Shoup, at said time of signing
 the said paper writing was of sound mind & memory
 & of full age to execute a will, & the said Milton A.
 Smith, did further testify to the hand writing of
 the other subscribing witness Miles Abernethy, to be his
 the said Miles Abernethy's true & genuine signature.
 WIT - Milton A Smith.

Sever & subscribed to this
 The 10. day of March 1873.

E H Wilkins, Notary public.

Whereupon Marcus C Shoup,
 duly qualified as a witness to the said will.

known to him to be his last Will & Testament. at the said time
& date of said Will & Testament, & that the said Caleb Stowp,
did request & ask the said witness M A Smith to sign his
name thereto as an attesting witness to said paper writing,
whereupon the said M A Smith did also sign his name
to the same as an attesting witness thereto, and that the
said Testator Caleb Stowp. at said time of signing
the said paper writing was of sound mind & memory
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the said Miles Abernethy's true & genuine signature,
M A - Milton A Smith.

Sever & subscribed to this
The 10. day of March 1873.

E H Mathis, Notary public.

Whereupon Marcus C Stowp,
did qualify as Administrator with the will
~~annexed~~ annexed, upon the estate of the said
Caleb Stowp dec'd. & took letter of administration
thereon.