

- 1st I. Willth allow my daughter Elizabeth Ratchford my bay mare Swift.
my waggon & harness, also enough Farming utensils for a one horse farm
also a trundle bed and bedding, one falling leaf table, 1 small wheel, one clock,
1 set Chairs, 1 Cook Stove. One year's provision for herself ^{and} Robert ^{and} Julia Ratchford.
provided that they are staying with me at my death also what dress I have
already come to her also 2. Choice hogs.
- 2nd I. also Willth allow my son John Ratchford to have my mare Leticia, one bed
and bedding, one red chest.
- 3rd I. also Willth allow my daughter Nancy J. Dickson one bed and bedding
one stand of drawers, one half interest in my grey Mule.
- 4th I. Willth allow my daughter Margaret Dickson to have one bed ^{and} bedding
one bureau, one half interest in my grey Mule.
- 5th I. Willth allow my grand-son Robert Ratchford to have my Colt, one large
trunk, one small Walnut table that stays in the kitchen.
- 6th I. Willth allow my grand-daughter Julia Ratchford to have one Walnut table
that stays in the house, one small trunk, one young Cow, first Choice.
- 7th I. Willth allow my grand-daughter Frances Dickson, one small table.
- 8th I. Willth allow my Books to be equally divided between my Children.
- 9th I. Willth allow my Executor a sufficient amount of money to erect a suitable head-stone
for myself.
- 10th I. Willth allow the balance of my property to be sold and the proceeds applied
to the payment of my just debts and any remainder to equally divided
between my Children.

North Carolina) In the Superior Court.
Gaston County)

It is therefore Considered & adjudged by the Court. That the said Robert Ratchford

11th I Will^{ed} allow that J. G. Gullick, to be the Executor of this my last Will^{ed} Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and year above written.

Attest
J. A. McKee
G. W. Ragom

Esther Ratchford ES

September 14th 1882, I, Esther Ratchford, do make^{ed} and Ordain this Codicil to my last Will^{ed} Testament, that Sec. 5. be altered so as to read thus, I Will^{ed} allow the Col^d Spoken of in said Section to be equally divided between my son John Ratchford and my Grand-son Robert Ratchford, the balance of the Section to remain as it now stands.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and year above written.

Witness
G. M. Gullick
J. A. Gullick

Esther Ratchford ES

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Gaston County

A paper purporting to be the last Will^{ed} Testament of Esther Ratchford deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court, to wit, J. G. Gullick, the Executor thereof mentioned in

Exhiber-Willing.
and the same
number 1885.
Court.

North Carolina) in the Superior Court.
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It is therefore Considered and adjudged by the Court, that the said
and every part thereof, is the last Will and Testament of Easter Ratchford, deceased,
with the foregoing examination are Ordered to be recorded and filed, This 22nd day of

And the due execution thereof by the said Easter Ratchford, was
proven by the oath and examination of V. A. McKee, J. W. Ragan, G. M. Gullick,
and J. A. Gullick, the Subscribing Witnesses thereto; Who being duly sworn,
doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a Subscribing
Witness to the Paper-Writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of Easter Ratchford, that the said Easter Ratchford,
in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said Paper-Writing
which was shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 14th day of November 1879,
And Codicil thereto, which bears date of the 14th day of September 1882,
And the deponent further saith, that the said Easter Ratchford, the testatrix aforesaid,
did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said Paper-Writing
so subscribed by her as exhibited, to be her Last Will and Testament, and this deponent
did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting
Witness thereto, as at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And this deponent
further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to
the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as
an attesting Witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Easter Ratchford 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 with
Sincerely sworn and subscribed this 22nd day of Nov. 1883
before me, J. B. White C. S. C.

V. A. McKee
J. W. Ragan
G. M. Gullick
J. A. Gullick
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