

State of North Carolina & the Name of God, Amen!  
I, Abner Silivant of the State and County aforesaid  
do make, declare and publish my last and only will  
and Testament in manner and form as follows: to wit:  
Item, I desire and bequeath to my wife Susan Silivant all my  
estate real, personal, and mixed, thereof now possessed or shall possess  
at the time of my death, for and during the term of her natural  
life.

Item. After the death of my Said Wife my will and desire is, that  
my Said estate as described in first item, Shall go in equal proportion  
to Clarence and Mary children of Octavius gone Thompson, or to the  
Survivors of them at my wife's death, if one or both should not survive  
my wife, then the issue of one or both, at the case maybe, to take  
as the parent would, if surviving my wife, and it so chance and bequeath  
them to the Said Clarence and Mary should die, not leaving issue  
of their bodies, then my will and desire is, that my estate shall  
go to my next of kin in equal proportions according to the mode the  
law divides and distributes the same.

Item. I appoint my Said Wife executors to this my will, and desire  
and empower her to pay my debts, and expenses of settling my estate,  
by a Sale for Cash of so much of my personal estate for debts of so  
much money as may be necessary for that purpose at public auction after  
due advertisement in writing.

Signed, published and  
declared by the testator to be his last  
will and testament in our presence,  
who subscribe the same as witnesses.

At his request and in his presence, and  
in the presence of each other, this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, One thousand eight hundred and  
eighty two.

J. R. Cherry  
Fernando Wards

Whereas J. Abner Silivant have made my last will and Testament  
in writing bearing date on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1882, and have therin  
made sundry devises and bequests according to the then existing circumstances  
having been materially changed, I hereby this my writing, which I hereby do  
to be a codicil to my said will, to be taken and construed as part thereof,  
will that ample provisions for the support and maintenance, I will  
and desire that the children Clarence and Mary Thompson mentioned  
in my will dated February 24, 1882, Shall be supported and cared for out  
of my estate until the time when they shall come in possession of the property  
aforesaid, I will and advise that my beloved Brother John Silivant,

*Abner Silivant*  
*March*

he and I hereby appoint him my lawful executor to execute this my last will  
and testament, and I hereby appoint the said John Silivant as a trustee  
to manage and control the property devised to the above named children  
Clarence and Mary Thompson until they shall arrive at the age  
of 21 years - And I further will that my executor shall then over  
to the said John Silivant A sufficient amount of my estate to  
care for the said Octavius J. Thompson above mentioned, and that  
he pay it out to her as her necessaries may require, I will and desire  
that my wife Susan Silivant shall have the care and custody of  
the above named children Clarence and Mary Thompson until  
arrive at the age of 21 years, And in case she dies before they  
arrive at the age of 21 years I will and desire that my brother  
John Silivant shall have the care and custody of the said children  
Aug. 14, 1890.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared *Abner Silivant*  
by the said Abner Silivant to be a Codicil *March*  
or part of his last will and testament,  
in presence of us who at his request,  
and in his presence, and the presence of  
each other do subscribe our names as  
witnesses thereto.

*F. Fernando Wards* ✓  
*J. H. Kenwell*

North Carolina } SS. In the Superior Court.  
Greene County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Abner Silivant he erased, is exhibited before me,  
the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by John  
Silivant the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof  
by the said Abner Silivant is proved by the oath and examination  
of Fernando Wards one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, who  
being duly sworn, doth depose and say, 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 Abner Silivant that the said Abner Silivant  
in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at  
the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and  
which bears date of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1882 and  
the depositum for the same. That the said Abner Silivant  
the testator before said day, at the time of subscribing his  
name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be  
subscribed by him, and admitted to be his last will  
and Testament, and this deponent did subscribe

State of North Carolina I the Name of God, Amen!  
I Abner Silivant of the State and County aforesaid  
do make, declare and publish my last and Only will  
and Testament in manner and form as follows: to wit:  
Item, I desire and bequeath to my wife Susan Silivant all my  
estate real, personal, and mixed, that I now possess or shall possess  
at the time of my death, for and during the Term of her natural  
life.

Item, After the death of my Said Wife my will and desire is, that  
my Said estate as described in first item, Shall go in equal proportions  
to Clarence and Mary children of Octavius Thompson, or to the  
Survivors of them at my wife's death, if one or both should not survive  
my wife, then the issue of one or both at the time may be, to take  
as the parent would, if surviving my wife, and I do desire and bequeath  
them to the Said Clarence and Mary should die, not leaving issue  
of their bodies, then my will and desire is, that my estate Shall  
go to my next of kin in equal proportions according to the Mode the  
law divides and distributes the same.

Item, I appoint my Said wife executing to this my will, and desire  
and empower her to pay my debts, and expenses of settling my estate,  
by a Sale for Catts of so much of my personal estate for Catts of so  
much as may be necessary for that purpose at public auction after  
an advertisement in writing.

Signed, published, and

deemed by the testator to be his last  
will and testament in his presence,

the Subscribers the same as witnesses.

At his request and in his presence and  
in the presence of each other, this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, One thousand eight hundred and  
eighty two.

J. R. Cherry  
Fernando Ward.

Whereas I Abner Silivant have made my last will and Testament  
in writing bearing date on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1882, and have therin  
made sundry devices and bequests according to the then existing circumstances  
having been materially changed, I hereby this my writing, which I hereby desire  
to be a codicil to my said will, to be taken and construed as part thereof,  
will that ample provisions for the support and Maintenance, I will  
and desire that the children Clarence and Mary Thompson mentioned  
in my will dated February 24, 1882, Shall be supported and cared for out  
of my estate until the time when they shall come in possession of the property  
aforesaid, I will and desire that my beloved son John Silivant

<sup>His</sup>  
Abner Silivant  
Month

be and I hereby appoint him my lawful executor to execute this my last will  
and testament and I hereby appoint the said John Silivant as a trustee  
to Manage and Control the property devised to the above named Children  
Clarence and Mary Thompson until they Shall arrive at the age  
of 21 years, - And I further will that my executor shall turn over  
to the said John Silivant a sufficient amount of my estate to  
care for the said Octavius J. Thompson above mentioned, and that  
he pay it out to her as her necessities may require, I will and desire  
that my wife Susan Silivant shall have the care and custody of  
the above named children Clarence and Mary Thompson until  
arrive at the age of 21 years, And in case she dies before they  
arrive at the age of 21 years I will and desire that my brother  
John Silivant shall have the care and custody of the said children.

Witnessed, Sealed, published and declared Abner Silivant  
by the said Abner Silivant to be a Codicil  
or part of his last will and testament,  
in presence of us who at his request,  
and in his presence, and the presence of  
each other do subscribe our names as  
witnesses thereto.

Wm. Edmund  
J. H. Newell, V

North Carolina

Greene County } SS. In the Superior Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Abner Silivant as aforesaid, is exhibited before me,  
the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by John  
Silivant the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof  
by the said Abner Silivant is affirmed by the oath and affirmation  
of Fernando Ward one of the subscribers thereto, who  
being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself  
deposes and saith that he is a subscriber witness to the  
paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Abner Silivant that the said Abner Silivant  
in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at  
the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and  
which bears date of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1882 and  
the deponent further saith, That the said Abner Silivant  
the testator before said did, at the time of subscribing his  
name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be  
subscribed by him, and as witness to be his last will  
and testament, and this deponent did thereupon

Subcribe his name at the end of Said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of Said testator and this defendant further saith, that at the said time when the said testator Subcribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of defendant Subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Abner Silivant 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 defendant, and further these defendants say not.

Sworn and Subscribed *Lemando Ward* (Signed)  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1890.  
before me.

District Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina } A paper will purporting to be the last will and testament  
Greene County } of Abner Silivant dec'd. dated February 24, 1882.  
Subscribed by J. P. Cherry and Lemando Ward is produced  
before me this day for Probate and Registration, and it appearing by the  
oath of the executors therein mentioned that the witness J. P. Cherry  
is dead. And it further appearing upon the oaths of F. D. Sugg and  
Henry Shepherd, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of  
J. P. Cherry the subscribing witness, having often seen him sign his  
name, and that they verily believe that the signature of the said  
J. P. Cherry as a witness to the said will, is the genuine signature  
of the said J. P. Cherry.

Subscribed before  
me.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1890.

D. Patrick Clerk  
Superior Court.

State of North Carolina } S.S. In the Superior Court,  
Greene County }

A paper will purporting to be a codicil to the last will and testament  
of Abner Silivant, defendant, is exhibited before me, the undersigned  
clerk of the Superior Court, for said county, by John Silivant the  
executor therein mentioned, and the due examination thereof by the  
said John Silivant is made in the presence and examination of James H. Howell  
and W. L. Cromard the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth  
affirm and say, and each for himself depogeth and saith that he is  
a subscribing witness to the paper witness now shown him and purporting to  
be the codicil to the last will and testament of Abner Silivant that  
the said John Silivant is the witness of this defendant. Subscribed his

name as aforesaid, declare the said paper - writing so subscribed by him and  
testified to be a codicil to the last will and testament, and this defendant  
did therupon subscribe his name at the end of Said will as an attesting  
witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of Said testator.  
And this defendant further saith that at the time when the said testator  
Subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the  
time of defendant Subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto,  
as aforesaid the said Abner Silivant 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 defendant  
and further these defendants say not.

Sworn and  
Subscribed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
November before me

D. Patrick, Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court,  
Greene County }

In the Matter of the last will of Abner  
Silivant. It appearing to the court by the oath and examination of  
Lemando Ward, W. L. Cromard, James H. Howell, and upon proof of the  
hand writing of J. P. Cherry the other witness, who is now dead, the  
Subscribing witness thereto, that the paper writing produced by the  
executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Abner  
Silivant and that the same was duly executed by said Abner  
Silivant in the presence of said witness and that at the time  
of signing the same the said Abner Silivant was of sound  
mind. It is therupon adjudged that the said paper writing  
be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of  
the said Abner Silivant and the Executor therein named  
Qualify as such.

This the 10. day of November 1890.

D. Patrick Clerk Superior  
Court.

W. P. Ormond (Signed)  
James H. Howell (Signed)