

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth J. Best, of the County of Greene and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament; That is to say, First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give, bequeath, and dispose of, as follows, to wit: To my son Wright Swinson Best one half of my land and he is to have the house I live in at this time and my horse, Bost and Wagon and one half of my buggy, and all my farming implements and one half of my house hold and Kitchen furniture, and one half of all money or notes I may have at my death. And I will that my son Wright Swinson Best pay over to my daughter Rebecca Cox ten Dollars.

I also lend unto my daughter Rebecca Cox the other half of my land and she is to have all my land on the East side of the Bull Head and La Grange road, on which is the house she lives in now, and the rest of her land is to be on the West side of a branch or ditch which runs across my land. And I also lend unto my daughter Rebecca Cox my Cow and Calf and one half of my buggy and the rest of my house hold and Kitchen furniture including one bedstead now has in possession and one half of all money or notes I may have at my death. After all my debts and burial expenses have been paid, I will that Rebecca Cox shall have the above described property during her natural life and after her death it shall go to her children if there be any living at her death if not the property shall go back to Wright Swinson Best or his children and if she the said Rebecca Cox shall want to sell any of this property for her convenience she may have full power and Authority to sell it and buy elsewhere. Likewise I make, constitute and appoint

my said son Wright Swinson Best to be executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal this the seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.

Elizabeth J. Best ^{her} _{mark} (Seal)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Elizabeth J. Best in our presence and acknowledged by her to each of us; and she at the same time published and declared the above instrument as subscribed to be her last will and Testament; and we, at the testatrix request, and in her presence, have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of Residence.

Rev. Taylor Shim/ Greene Co. N. C.
Alexander Taylor, Shim/ Greene Co. N. C.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth J. Best deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by John W. Taylor Agt of Sarah Best and the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth J. Best by the oath and examinations of Alex Taylor one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth J. Best that the said Elizabeth J. Best in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 7th day of March 1888. And the deponent further swears that the said Elizabeth J. Best the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing as subscribed by her and

exhibited to her her last will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will, as an attending witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testatrix. And this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attending witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Elizabeth J. Best 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 not.

Alise Taylor.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed,
this 2nd day of Nov. 1900, before me:
John P. Duell,
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina, } ss. In the Superior Court.
Greene County

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of Elizabeth J. Best deceased. Let the said will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 2nd day of November 1900

John P. Duell,
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina }
Greene County }

I, Henry H. Smith of said State & County do make this my last will and Testament. I bequeath to my beloved wife Mary A. Smith all of my personal property & hereby appoint her Executor of this my last will. Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of April 1900.

Henry H. Smith.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the said Henry H. Smith as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Ben W. Taylor,
George W. Taylor.

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Henry H. Smith deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, together with the foregoing paper, memorial and the deposition of Ben W. Taylor, Geo. W. Taylor, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the foregoing memorial showing him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Henry H. Smith, that the said Henry H. Smith in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is shown as aforesaid, and which was dated the 25th day of April 1900.

And the deponent further saith that the said Henry H. Smith the testator aforesaid, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid to the said paper-writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attending witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator, and this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name as an attending witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Henry H. Smith 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 not.

Solemnly sworn and returned, this
10th day of November 1900, before me:
John P. Duell,
Clerk Superior Court.

Ben W. Taylor
Geo. W. Taylor

North Carolina, } ss. In the Superior Court.
Greene County

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of Henry H. Smith deceased. Let the said will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.
This 10th day of November, 1900.

John P. Duell
Clerk Superior Court.