

the oath and examination of E. N. Hornaday and J. S. Barn the Subscribing witnesses thereto. That the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Matthew S. Barn and that the same was duly signed by the said Matthew S. Barn in the presence of said witnesses and then at the time of signing the name the said Matthew S. Barn was of sound mind. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Matthew S. Barn and the executors therein named qualified as such.

This the 4th day of Nov. 1889

Wm Patrick Clerk
Superior Court.

Last will
of Joel Taylor

In the name of God Amen I Joel Taylor of the County of Leno and State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and Memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts now or hereunto owing to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan Taylor eighty acres of land more or less including my mansion house all out houses and other improvements to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my wife all of my stock of cattle and all of my stock of Hogs one blind bay horse to her and her heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved wife all of my household and kitchen furniture of every description to her and her heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved wife one cart and all of my tools of every description to her and her heirs forever And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend W. D. Dixon my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. In

making and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Joel Taylor do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 5th day of May. A. D. 1861.

Signed, & Sealed and published & declared by the said Joel Taylor to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto, witnesses
Will Dixon
Delany Turnage
Wm Patrick
J. N. Sugg.

Joel Taylor
Myself

State of North Carolina } S. D. In the Superior Court.
Leno County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Taylor deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Mrs. Susan Taylor the devisee therein mentioned, and the due execution by the said Joel Taylor is proved by the oath and examination of J. N. Sugg, one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth 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 Joel Taylor that the said Joel Taylor in the presence of this deponent acknowledged the signing of his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 5th day of May, 1861. And the deponent further saith, That the said Joel Taylor the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of acknowledging his signature as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be his last will and testament, and the deponent did thereupon 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 deponent further saith, That at the said time when the said Testator acknowledged the Subscribing of his 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 Joel Taylor was of Sound Mind and Memory.

I will see to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of the defendant. And Will Dine and Volany Furnage two of the subscribing witnesses to said will being dead, D. B. Sugg and W. P. Trimble being duly sworn say, that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Will Dine one of the subscribing witnesses to said said will as aforesaid, having often seen him write his name, and he now bears recollection of said for the County of Greene and they now bear his hand writing upon the records in the office of Register of Deeds of said County. That they verily believe that the signature of the said Will Dine at the end of the said will as aforesaid, to be in the hand writing of the said Will Dine. And further state defendants say not Severally sworn and subscribed. This 3rd day of July 1888, before me, J. W. Patrick C.S.C. of Greene County.

Jas. T. Sugg
D. B. Sugg
W. P. Trimble

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North Carolina. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Taylor is exhibited before me, by Susan Taylor the devisee therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof is duly proven by the oath of Jas. T. Sugg one of the witnesses thereto, and the hand writing of Will Dine as another one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, is proven by the oath of D. B. Sugg and W. P. Trimble.

It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Joel Taylor and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. July 3rd 1888.

J. W. Patrick C.S.C.
Greene County.

Last will

of
Hymon Helverton

North Carolina. I, Hymon Helverton of the County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part on parcel of my estate.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Helverton, for and during the term of natural life my home tract of land, containing about five hundred and thirty two acres together with all the property that I may die seized and possessed of, real, personal and mixed, or of what ever nature it may be.

Item 2nd. After the death of my wife Elizabeth, I give and bequeath to my daughter Druggilla W. B. Ommond wife of J. B. Ommond, for and during the term of natural life, one hundred and forty acres of land to be cut off from the South Western portion of my home plantation, so as to include the residence, buildings &c., where she now lives; After her death and the death of my wife, I give said land to such of my said daughter, Druggilla W. B. Ommond's children as she may have died leaving her surviving and to the issue of such as may be dead, such issue to represent the parent and take such part thereof as the parent would take if living, to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 3rd. In consideration of having heretofore given my daughter Mary Elizabeth Jones and her husband J. R. Jones, the value of one thousand and four hundred dollars, in the land known as the Wm. Bryant land, I do not bequeath to them any specific property in this writing, and do not wish them to share any more of my estate except the residence in Item 4th.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath unto my two sons George T. Helverton and John H. Helverton, all the balance of my home plantation not given away in an other item of this will, to be equally divided between them after the death of my wife Elizabeth, to them and their heirs forever. I also give to my son George T. Helverton, one mare named Fannie, now in his possession, one cow and calf, one breeding sow and one bed, bedstead and furniture. I also give to my son John H. Helverton, one mare named Genera, now in his possession, one cow & calf, one breeding sow, one bed, bedstead & furniture.

Item 5th. The balance of my property after the death of my wife, I devise to be equally divided between all of my children.