

Greene County-- In the Probate Court
 Martha Elizabeth, Jo Ann, }
 Joe John Simon, Mary Luchette }
 Jones By their next friend } Ex Parte
 John B. Jones }

The petitioners for this
 petition say

1st That at August Term 1865 of the Court
 of Pleas and Quarter Session, a paper writing
 purporting to be the last will and Testament
 of Simon Jones was duly presented in open
 Court to be proved and was and adjudged
 to be recorded, and was recorded in the proper
 office for the registry of Wills in Greene County
 as he is informed and believes

2nd That the contents of said paper writing as he
 is informed and believes was in the following
 words and figures

North Carolina }
 Greene County }

Item 1st In the name of God amen I Simon Jones
 being of sound mind and disposing memory
 and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certaint
 ty of death do declare the following to be my
 last will and Testament-

Item 2 I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
 Martha Jones during the period of her natural
 life, All my property of every description both
 real and personal

Item 3rd After the death of my beloved wife Martha Jones
 I give and bequeath the property given her during
 her lifetime to the children of my son Jno B.
 Jones, and their heirs in fee simple forever

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my seal, In the presence of my friends
 and true friends my all-Churchills and Chas
 Freeman this the day of 1861
 witness

My all-Churchills

Chas. Freeman

That said will was at August Term 1865 of the

Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for Greene County
 duly proved and ordered to be recorded in the
 proper office of Registry of Wills & C. in Greene
 County, a copy of which Proposed order of registry
 is as follows

That the Court-House of Greene County together
 with the probate registry and record of said Will
 together with the records of said Court-was burned
 on the 2nd day of March 1876, and there is no copy
 of said Will in existence as they are informed
 and believes

Therefore they pray that the above may be declared
 to be a true copy of said will, and proceedings
 above set forth be declared to be the records of said
 will & the records aforesaid

N. C. Munroe

Att. for Petitioners

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 Jno. B. Jones the plaintiff being duly sworn
 says that the above petition is true except as to those
 matters stated on information and belief, and those
 he believes to be true Jno. B. Jones
 Sworn to and subscribed
 before me Nov. 28th 1879

Geo. W. Sugg

C. J. C.

Greene County-- North Carolina
 In the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session
 August Term 1865

A paper purporting to be the last will and
 Testament of Simon Jones, deceased, is exhibited
 in open Court by Jno. B. Jones, and the due execution
 thereof by the said Simon Jones by the oath and
 examination of my all-Churchills one of the subscribing
 witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both
 depose and say, and each for himself depose and
 swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the
 paper writing now showed him, purporting to be
 the last will and Testament of Simon Jones
 that the said Simon Jones in the presence of this
 deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper
 writing, which is now showed as aforesaid, and which
 bears date of the -- day of 1861.
 And the deponent further swears that the

Simon Jones the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so 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 attesting witness thereto; and at the request and in the presence of said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Simon Jones 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 this deponent say not -

Wm. A. Churchill Clerk

Solemnly sworn and
subscribed this day
of 1865, in open
Court -

D. S. Spivey
Clerk

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that C. M. H. Reman one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will, has since died, and his hand writing having been duly proved by Wm. A. Churchill it is adjudged by the Court that said Will is duly proved as the last will and Testament; therefore let the same be recorded.

D. S. Spivey Clerk

Upon hearing the above petition and proofs offered it is adjudged that the copy of the will of Simon Jones set forth in the petition is a true copy of the same as had in said matter before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session and that the same was recorded in the office for the registry of Wills for Greene County; therefore let this be set up as the record in said matter and these proceedings be recorded in the office of Wills for Greene County -

D. W. Patrick C. C.
& Probate Judge

Last Will and Testament of R. G. Couch deceased

State of North Carolina
Greene County

I Robert G. Couch of Hoochurton and of the County of Greene and State aforesaid 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 First, my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes and desire of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item, It is my will and desire that my mercantile business, Harness Shop, Blacksmith Shop, and Carriage Shop be continued as long as in the judgment of my Executor it shall be profitable, and such of the profits resulting therefrom as may in the judgment of my said Executor be actually necessary for the support of my wife and children be paid over to my beloved wife Julia Couch.

Item, I give and bequeath to my children the sum of six thousand dollars to be paid to my Executor and by him invested in United States Bonds or deposited in some safe Bank of this State as in the judgment he may think best, the interest accruing thereon be drawn annually and applied to the education of my said children, and when they shall severally arrive at the full age of twenty one years it is my will and I so direct my Executor to pay them their portions as part of the said six thousand dollars.

Item, I give and desire to my beloved wife Julia Couch all the real estate wherever situated, including my dwelling house my stone houses and all houses and lots I now own in the town of Hoochurton together with all my personal property of every description not herein otherwise disposed of to have and to hold to her the said Julia Couch for and during her natural life. It is however my will and desire that my executor shall have entire control and management of all my business and to continue or discontinue all of or any part thereof at any time he may find it not reaching a reasonable profit.