

his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid. The said Wm. Easton Vaughan 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 says not.

Solemnly Sworn and Subscribed

this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1886, before me  
D. W. Patrick C.S.C.

Geo. M. Tindley (Seal)  
Jno. T. Gmiley (Seal)

North Carolina, In the Superior Court -  
Hume County } June 14<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1886.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Wiley Easton Vaughan deceased is exhibited before me for perusal by John T. Gmiley the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof is duly proven by the oath and examination of Geo. M. Tindley and Jno. T. Gmiley the subscribing witnesses who are confident and adjudge by the Court that the said paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Wiley Easton Vaughan, and the same is valid to be recorded and filed.

D. W. Patrick  
C.S.C. Hume County.

Last Will I, William S. Darden, of Hume County in the State of North Carolina, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament. I give and dispose of my estate and property as follows, that is to say.

First - I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible.

Then I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife to be and remain her absolute property, all of my house hold and kitchen furniture, farming implements, vehicles, horses, cattle and other live stock. And I also give unto her my provisions and crop on hand, as my decess, including any crop which may be growing on standing ungathered.

Then I direct that my Executors, as soon as practicable after my decease, shall collect all of the money due on a Policy No. 11344 of Insurance upon my life issued by the Brooklyn Life Insurance Company of New York for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. It is my will and desire that this shall be the first fund out of which my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid; and if there is

any surplus of said fund remaining after the said payments, I give and bequeath such residue to my Son Alfred A. Darden. Five hundred dollars in cash, the remainder if any of the insurance money, I direct the same to be given to the following named of my children equally divided to wit: Joseph A. Darden, William A. Darden and Henrietta Harper to have and to hold and dispose of as they may see fit.

Then

I give and devise unto my beloved wife all of the land which I now own, to have and to hold unto her so long during her life as she shall remain sole and unmarried; and I direct that at her death or upon her marrying again the said land shall descend to, remain unto and vest in my three following named children and their heirs, share and share alike, to wit: Corlie Ann, Mary Elizabeth and James Henry. But if and when either of said three children shall die without issue, then and thereupon the share of such deceased child shall go to and vest in such of said three children as shall then be surviving, and their heirs; and if all of said three children shall die without issue then and in such case it is my will and desire that my older children Joseph A. Alfred A. Robert A. William A. and Henrietta Harper, shall take and own equally all of said land, to have and to hold unto themselves and their heirs.

I have already made provisions for my other children, to wit: Robert A. Darden, Henrietta wife of Richard H. T. Harper, Joseph A. Darden, Alfred A. Darden and my Grand Son Egbert P. Williams by executing a deed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1878. Conveying unto said Robert A. Darden, a tract of land containing 242 acres, and from the purchase money thereof making a deduction of seven hundred dollars as his share; and one of the balance of the purchase money making one thousand dollars payable to Henrietta; Seven hundred to Joseph A. Two hundred to Alfred A. and Seven hundred to my Grand Son Egbert P. Williams. The sum of one thousand dollars due of said fund was also made payable to my Son William A. Darden all of which has been paid as directed and receipted for. I solemnly my beloved wife and Dr. E. H. Homaday my Executors of this my last Will and Testament without bond.

In testimony whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will and testament in the County of Hume and State of N.C. on this 26 day of April A.D. 1886.

William S. Darden (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named William S. Darden as and for his last will and Testament in presence of us who as his request - and in his presence and in presence of each other have hereunto Set our names as witnesses this day of April A. D. 1886

Jno. H. Coward  
Pattie Sugg.

William S. Darden

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

A paper writing purporting to be the Last will and Testament of William S. Darden deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by E. H. Hornaday & Pattie Darden the Executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said William S. Darden is proved by the oath and examination of Jno. H. Coward and Pattie Sugg the Subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for him the said Jno. H. Coward and Pattie Sugg that they are Subscribing to the paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which purporting to be the Last will and Testament of William S. Darden, in the presence of the said William S. Darden, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1886.

And the deponent further saith, that the said William S. Darden 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. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said Testator Subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent Subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said William S. Darden 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

Solemnly sworn and Subscribed

this 15 day of June 1887.

D. W. P. in C. S. C.

Jno. H. Coward

Pattie S. Sugg

Seal

Seal

North Carolina In the Superior Court  
Greene County } June 15, 1887.

A paper writing purporting to be the Last will and Testament of William S. Darden deceased, is exhibited before me for Probate in open Court by Dr. E. H. Hornaday & Pattie Darden the Executors therein named and the due execution thereof is duly proved by the oath and examination of Jno. H. Coward & Pattie Sugg, the Subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is considered and adjudged by the Court, that the said paper writing and every part and clause thereof is the Last will and Testament of the said William S. Darden, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Jas. Patrick Clerk Superior  
Court - Greene County.

Last will

Winifred Taylor State of North Carolina I Winifred Taylor of the County  
Greene County } of Greene and State of North  
Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby declare  
this my Last will and Testament, in manner and form following  
(hereby revoking all former wills by me made) First that  
my Executor hereinafter named) I shall provide for my  
body a decemurial suitable to the wishes of my family  
and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with  
my just debts now or ever and to whomsoever owing out  
of the first moneys coming into his hands, as a part and  
proceeds of my estate.

I give & devise to my Grand Son William R. Edmundson  
all of the tract of land upon which I now reside,  
and which was purchased by me at Sheriff's Sale in  
Greene County, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1874. Beginning at  
the mouth, of a Cause or ditch in the Spring Field on  
Nahunta, & running up said ditch or Cause to the head of  
said ditch or Cause at the place then a straight line to  
the public road leading from Bullhead to Goldboro to  
where is intersect the line between myself & Andrew Edmundson  
then with said line to the back line then with that line to  
R. W. Taylor's line, then with that line to Nahunta Creek  
then down said Creek to the mouth of said Spring Field ditch  
or Cause, to the beginning, adjoining the lands of Andrew  
Edmundson R. W. Taylor and others, it bore and to be held to  
the said W. R. Edmundson his heirs and assigns forever

Provided however, that said land devised in this Will shall be charged with the Sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to my Executor hereinafter named (2) two years from the date of my death.

2<sup>d</sup> I will and devise, that my Son Robert W. Taylor, wife Martha and each one of their Children Surviving me, & my Grand Son W. R. Edmondson & Andrew Edmondson Shall Share and Share alike in the division of all other property left by me and not Specially devised within the same be in money notes, notes in action or other evidences of debt, & all personal property to have and to hold unto them & their heirs forever.

3<sup>d</sup> I will and desire that if Smyth & Sallie Bryan or either one of them Shall Survive me that of the lands devised to W. R. Edmondson, that one acre of said land with a house on some of the land to be cleared land with the privilege of fire wood & fencing for one acre be loaned to them or either of them during their life time or as long as they chose to make it their home, and at their death or abandonment that said land revert back to W. R. Edmondson and his heirs in fee simple forever. And I further devise that one of any moneys or other property before the same is divided between the parties heretofore named that, the said Smyth and Sallie Bryan or either of them Surviving me shall be provided out of my estate by my Executor hereinafter named, chairs & tables and other furniture as he dees & ever sufficient for their use & comfort - also all necessary cooking utensils to prepare their food, and a good provision of good wholesome food such as would be considered necessities.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint by beloved Son R. W. Taylor my lawful executor, to all intents & 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 witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Feb. 1, 1879.

Signed, Sealed, published & declared by the said Winifred Taylor, to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request, and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. This Feb. 1, 1879.

All covenants & intencations are made before the signing of this instrument  
witness David Pope  
C. C. Pope

Whereas I Winifred Taylor have made my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb. A.D. 1879, and have thereby made sundry dispositions and bequests, according to the existing circumstances of my estate, but which circumstances have materially changed, I do by this writing, which I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my said Will, to be taken and construed, as a part thereof, I hereby revoke and declare void all of Item 1, of the above Will as I have provided for my said Grand Son William R. Edmondson named in said Will during my life time & he is not to share in my estate in any way at my death. I hereby revoke all of Item 2 in said Will giving any money, personal property &c. to W. R. Edmondson & others & said Edmondson takes nothing under that Item.

Item (1) of my will to be made null by deed to said lands. I further request to revoke that part of my will directing my said Executor to sell my personal property & request my said Executor that if Miss Sallie & Smyth Bryan Shall live with me live death that he let them have all or so much of my household furniture as they desire and such other things as we want to divide as directed in Item (2).

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal, this 17 day of February, A.D. 1881.

Winifred Taylor (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Winifred Taylor to be a Codicil or part of her last Will & Testament in presence of us who at her request, and in her presence of us and the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Thos. Edwards  
David Pope

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
Lenoir County }

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Winifred Taylor deceased, is exhibited before me, The undersigned Clerk Superior Court for said County, by Robert W. Taylor the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Winifred Taylor by the oath and examination of David Pope and C. C. Pope as to the Will and Thos. Edwards and David Pope as to the Codicil the subscribing witnesses thereto.