

In the name of God Amen!

I Amos Heath of the State of North Carolina and the County of Jones being of Sound mind and disposed memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following first and principally I give my Soul to God and my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred between my two wives Mary & Elizabeth Dead and as to such worldly effects as I may die seized or possessed of I give and dispose of as follows that is to say I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Becton eight negroes named Jacob, Judah, Philip, Oliver, Demas, Sam Holland and Lucy also two cows and calves These things to go with the property I have heretofore given to my daughter I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Becton it is my will and desire that my two sons shall be learned the Black Smith's trade and my two boys Henry and John shall be learned the Carpenter's trade and when my three sons Henry and John are learned their business they three John Henry and John shall equally belong to my two children not to be divided only by time as children can agree the rest and residue of my effects of every name and nature after paying my just debts I give and bequeath to my son Paul Almonds it is my will and desire that my two children shall take this my last will and Testament and divide as it is above written and finally I bequeath and invest all bills heretofore made by me in writing whereof I have subscribed my name and affix my seal this 24th of June in the year of our Lord 1857.

Signed in the presence of

Amos Heath (Seal)

Ferry Cox

Serena Cox.

Jones County Court

Summer Term A.D. 1858.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Amos Heath deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by Jacob A Heath and the due execution thereof by Ferry Cox and Serena Cox the subscribing witnesses thereto was duly proved. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Amos Heath and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And there being no executor therein named, Jacob A Heath duly qualified as administrator with the will annexed of the said Amos Heath upon entering into bond in the sum of Sixty thousand Dollars with W B Becton and Ferry Cox as Sureties according to law

Attest Benj Arthur Clerk