

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1854
Jones County 3

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Wright Staudy deceased, is exhibited for probate in Open Court by John B. Staudy, one of the Executors therein named (the other Executor R. E. Staudy declining in open Court to qualify as Executor thereto) and thereupon the due execution thereof by the said Wright Staudy is proved by the oaths of and examination of R. W. King, Jesse P. Barwick and Calvin Hoonce three of the subscribing witnesses thereto. 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 Wright Staudy, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said John B. Staudy one of the Executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law, the other Executor R. E. Staudy declining as aforesaid.

Wm. Chas. Corroch Clerk

In the name of God Amen.

I Amos J. Hoonce of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, publish and declare, this to be 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 hereover and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item. It is my will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named at my death, shall sell on a credit of six months all my personal Estate, with the exception of my negroes, and apply the proceeds of such sale to the payment of my debts, and should there not be a sufficient sum arising from the sale of my personal estate to discharge and pay off all my debts, that my Executor shall select such negro or negroes as he may deem best and most expedient, and sell the same either for Cash or on a credit of six months and apply the proceeds of the sale of such negro or negroes or so much thereof as may be necessary to the discharge and payment of the same.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann J. Hoonce after the payment of my debts, all of my negro slaves and Estate of whatever kind or nature to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Ann J. Hoonce my Executor to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, hereby revoking and declaring void other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I Amos J. Hoonce do hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this 30th day of November A.D. 1853.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Amos J. Hoonce to be 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 do subscribe our names as Witnesses - Benj. Ashew. Chas. Corroch

A. J. Hoonce (Seal)

Jones County Court

January Term A.D. 1854.

Now was the last Will and Testament of Amos J. Hoonce deceased presented in Open Court for probate, when the same was proved in due form of law, by the oaths of Benjamin Ashew and Charles Corroch the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time Ann J. Hoonce the Executor therein named came into Court and qualified as such according to law. Entered this Will's testamentary issue &c.

Wm. Chas. Corroch Clerk