

State of North Carolina Jones County

In the name of God Amen

I William Gooding of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being of a sound mind and memory blessed be God do this the 12th day of September in the year of our Lord 1855 do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say that my Executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of relations and friends and pay all funeral Expenses together with my just debts however and whomever owing out of the money that may first come into hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Council Gooding two negroes Lewis and Sarah, One bed and Furniture

2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Ira Gooding two negroes, Anthony and Misura, One bed and Furniture

3d I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Moses two negroes Andrew and Eliza and all the Land that I bought of William Fordham and all that I bought of Emanuel Fournes and the Northbrook Lands and some that took up between Heritage Branch and the Maple Branch. One bed and Furniture and one Mare by the name of Pigeon

4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Isaac Gooding Three negroes Thuse, Anaca and Kester and all my home plantations. One Bed and Furniture and one Mare by the name of Jly

5th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Gooding two negroes Joseph and his sister Mary, and Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars. One Bed and Furniture and one Colt by the name of George

6th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Grandson Jesse Northbrook Five Hundred Dollars and one Colt by the name of Calum

7th I want the balance of the household and Kitchen Furniture and all the plantation tools and all of my stock consisting of hogs cattle and horses Sheep &c equally divided between my four sons that they may not be sold at public sale, Council Gooding and Ira Gooding and Moses Gooding and Isaac Gooding

8th I want the balance of my Land and Negroes that is not mentioned, sold on six months credit and the money arising of the paying my just debts and what I have owing to me after giving off what I have mentioned to them the balance I want equally divided between my four sons Council, Ira, Moses, and Isaac Gooding

9th I nominate and appoint and constitute my three sons Council Gooding and Ira Gooding and Moses Gooding sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament I hereunto set my hand and seal this the day and date first above written Signed Sealed, published and delivered by the said William Gooding the testator as his last will and Testament in presence of us who was present at the time of Assigning and delivering thereof

Jesse S Fordham }
William G Fordham }

William Gooding (Seal)

State of North Carolina Jones County
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Term 1858

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Gooding Decd is exhibited for probate in open Court by Moses Gooding one of the Executors therein named and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of William G Fordham and Christopher Fordham that Jesse S Fordham one of the subscribing witnesses thereto is now dead, and it is further proved by the oath of said Wm G Fordham and Christopher that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said Jesse S Fordham, having often seen him write and that the hand of said Jesse S Fordham subscribed as a witness to the said Will is in the hand writing of the said Jesse S Fordham and the due execution of the said Will

by the said William Gooding is also proved by the oath and examination of William C. Forham one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and copy part thereof is the last will and testament of the said William Gooding and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed and thereupon the said Moses Gooding and Ira Gooding executors of said said duly qualify as such by taking the oath required by law ordered that letters testamentary issue to them. At the same time Ebenezer Gooding one of the executors therein named comes into open Court and renounces his right to qualify as one of the executors to said Will.

Attest Benj. Asher Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I Susan H. Foscoe of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being weak of body, but sound mind and memory blessed be God for the same I make and Publish this my will and Testament in manner and form following viz The Estate of my Husband Nathaw Foscoe Deceased being undivided. I bequeath one seventh part of the Negroes and realizable property of that Estate I give and bequeath to my son Cyrus J. Foscoe Six hundred and forty dollars to him his heirs assigns forever I also give and bequeath to my son Edgar M. Foscoe Six hundred and forty dollars to him his heirs assigns forever I give to my Daughter Elvira S. Foscoe Six hundred and forty dollars to her her heirs assigns forever I also give and bequeath to my son Josephus R. Foscoe One thousand and forty dollars to him his heirs assigns forever And if the sum bequeathed by me is not sufficient to pay over as mention above my wish and desire is that my executor sells Negroes to make up the deficiency My wish and desire is that the remainder of the Negroes to be equally divided among my children S. B. Fox, J. C. Blair, C. J. Foscoe, C. M. Foscoe, C. S. Foscoe J. R. Foscoe He them during their Natural life and then to their children, if there be no children, to the Surviving Brothers and Sisters And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son Cyrus J. Foscoe, executor for the purpose of carrying the foregoing into execution In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 30th of April 1858 Signed, Sealed acknowledged and declared in the presence of R. Oldfield } A. G. Hall }

Susan H. Foscoe Seal

State of North Carolina }
Jones County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
July Term 1858

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Susan H. Foscoe deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by Cyrus J. Foscoe the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Susan H. Foscoe is proved by the oath and examination of R. Oldfield A. G. Hall the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and copy part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Susan H. Foscoe and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed And it appearing that the said executor is a minor under the age of Twenty one years Richard Oldfield is appointed administrator with the will annexed during the minority of said Executor upon entering into bond in the sum of Twenty Two thousand dollars with Christopher Fox and Franklin Fox as sureties

Attest Benj. Asher Clerk