

death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit: Jesse Jackson, Allen Groom, and Rufus A. Temple that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said W. S. Groom, having often seen him write and verily believe that the name of the said W. S. Groom subscribed to the said will and the said will itself, and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said W. S. Groom. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to be acquaintances of the said W. S. Groom.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said W. S. Groom, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

April 10, 1876.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

I, Charles S. Groom, of the State of North Carolina, Senio County, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say): after paying my funeral expenses, and all just debts. First, I give and bequeath unto my niece Harriet A. Temple, for the love and affection I have for her, my writing desk, and small bureau, and all my books and papers except my school books.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my kind and faithful Nurse Mary Ann Brady, as a token of my appreciation of the many services rendered me by her, all my real estate, consisting of all my houses and lands, also all my personal property consisting, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, horses, cows, pigs, hogs, and all my other property of any and every kind whatever, after excepting such as has already been disposed of, to have, and to hold and to enjoy the benefit thereof during her natural life, and then the same to go to her nephews, John C. and James H. Brady, who shall in like manner enjoy the benefits to be derived therefrom, during their natural life, provided they shall drop the name 'Brady' and assume the name 'Groom' instead thereof, and then to their male children, and in case of their decease without male issue, the same to go to my brother William A. Groom's male heirs.

It is my will and desire that the said Mary Ann Brady, shall take immediately in charge all my property left by me, and shall deliver to my niece Harriet A. Temple such as I have given her. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 22nd day of February A. D. 1875, in the presence of A. H. Smith, and upon whom I call to witness the same.

W. S. Groom, test.

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge and Superior Court of Senio County, in Winston, N. C., the 11th day of April, 1876.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge & Clerk.

Walter Kennedy.

State of North Carolina, }
Senio County, } In the Probate Court.
Before W. H. Hunter, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the Will of }
Walter Kennedy.

Morgan H. Kennedy, being sworn, deposes and says:

That Walter Kennedy, late of said County, is deceased, having first made and published his last will and testament; and that Morgan H. Kennedy is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Walter Kennedy, consisting of about 1350 acres of land, about 9 head of cattle, about 20 head of hogs, 1 horse, 2 mules, household and kitchen furniture, corn and fodder, farming implements, one buggy and coach, and harness, are worth about \$5000.00 as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Jesse H. Kennedy's three children (John Thomas Kennedy, Weber H. Kennedy and Nettie Eliza Kennedy) James E. Kennedy, Eliza A. Kelly, Harriet B. Kelly, Morgan H. Kennedy, Malissa E. Kennedy and Elizabeth H. Kennedy are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 1876.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina, }
Senio County, } In the Probate Court.
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Kennedy, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned.