

A paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Robinson, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate, for said County, by Henderson Loftin, the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said Charles Robinson is proved, by the oath and examination of William Sutton, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that he and N. H. Sutton are subscribing witnesses to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Robinson; that the said Charles Robinson, in the presence of this deponent and the said N. H. Sutton, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 9th day of August, 1855.

This deponent further saith that the said N. H. Sutton, the other subscribing witness to said last will and testament is now dead: that he is acquainted with the hand writing of the said N. H. Sutton, having seen him write, and that the name of the said N. H. Sutton, subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said N. H. Sutton, who subscribed his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, in the presence of this deponent. And this deponent further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent and the said N. H. Sutton's subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said Charles Robinson 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 saith not.

William Sutton!

this 9th day of Sept. 1855.
H. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

I Charles Robinson, of the County of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

Item. It is my desire and wish, that my Executor, herein after named, shall provide for my body a decent, christian burial, suitable to my estate, and to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and out of the moneys first coming into his hands, as a part or parcel of my estate, for him to pay all funeral expenses, and my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing.

Item. I lend to my trusty friend, Stephen White, of the town of Kinston, North Carolina, all the property, of every kind and description, that I may die seized or possessed of, consisting of the tract of land on which I now reside, all my horses, cattle, hogs, and stock of all kinds - farming implements, household and kitchen furniture &c, in special trust, nevertheless, that he shall hold the said property during the natural lives of my beloved wife Bridget Robinson, and my beloved son, Benajah Robinson, and the survivor of them, for their use, benefit and behoof, for their enjoyment and support, during their natural lives.

Item. If my beloved daughter-in-law, Argent Robinson, should survive and outlive her husband, the before mentioned Benajah Robinson, it is my wish and desire that she should enjoy & be benefitted along with my beloved wife, the said Bridget Robinson - she to stand in the place and stead of her husband, the said Benajah Robinson, with regard to the before described property, for them, the said Argent Robinson and Bridget Robinson to use to their own behoof and benefit, for their natural lives or widowhood. And I especially enjoin my friend, Stephen White, to see that my wish, in this respect, is faithfully carried out.

Item. At the death of the said Bridget Robinson, Benajah Robinson, and Argent Robinson, I do give, bequeath and devise all of the property (above loaned in trust, to my beloved friend, Stephen White for the use and benefit of the said Bridget, the said Benajah, and the said Argent, for and during their natural lives,) unto the lawful begotten child or children of my said son, the said Benajah Robinson, unto them, their heirs and assigns, forever, to share and share alike.

Item. I do hereby constitute, ^{appoint} my friend and neighbor, Henderson Loftin, my lawful executor, to all intents and 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, hereby revoking and declaring void, all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.
In witness whereof, I, the said Charles Robinson, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this August the 9th, A. D. 1860.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Charles Robinson, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request, and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

W. Sutton.
N. H. Sutton.

Charles Robinson, *Test.*

Interlined before assigned.

Lenoir County—In the Probate Court August 24, 1875:
On reading the application of Henderson Loftin to probate a paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Robinson, dec'd, and to be qualified as executor thereof, according to the nomination and appointment therein made, and having examined on oath, William Sutton, one of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing as to the execution thereof—N. H. Sutton, the other subscribing witness being dead.

It is adjudged by the Court.

That the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Charles Robinson, deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and thereupon the said Henderson Loftin, the executor therein nominated and appointed, comes forward and takes and subscribes the oath required by law, in these words, to-wit:

State of North Carolina, }

Lenoir County, } ss. In the Probate Court
I, Henderson Loftin, do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of Charles Robinson, deceased, and that I will well and truly execute the same, by first paying his debts and then his legacies, as far as the said estate will extend, or the law will charge me; and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor, agreeable to the trust and confidence

reposed in me and according to law, so help me God.
Sworn and subscribed
before me, this 24th day
of August, 1875.

Henderson Loftin.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Whereupon, Letters testamentary are issued to the said Henderson Loftin, as executor, of the said last will and testament of Charles Robinson, deceased.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge and Clerk of the Superior Court, in Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina, the 30th day of December, 1875.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge Clerk.

Lura Ann Jones.

Lenoir County—In the Probate Court.
In the matter of the will } Before W. H. Hunter,
of Lura Ann Jones. } Judge of Probate.

James B. Webb being sworn doth say:

That Lura Ann Jones, late of said county is dead having first made and published her last Will and Testament, that there is no executor named therein, and that he, the said James B. Webb, is entitled to Letters of Administration, with the will annexed, upon the estate of said dec'd, he having filed the written renunciation of the next of kin of said deceased. Further, that the property of the said Lura Ann Jones consisting of an undivided interest in a lot or part or parcel of land near the corporate limits of the town of Kinston, adjoining the lands of R. H. King & Sarah Bunn and household and kitchen furniture is worth about \$300.00 as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and that L. J. Hill, Carolina Webb, Mary Gay, the heirs of J. B. Webb, M. E. Church, South, Letitia Hill and Bettie Hill, are the parties entitled under said will to the said property sworn to and subscribed before me

this 9th day of Feb. 1876.
W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

J. B. Webb.