

State of North Carolina, } In the Probate Court.  
Lenoir County.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charlotte E. Harper, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said county, by J. W. Harper, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Charlotte E. Harper by the oath and examination of John S. Harper and Martha E. Harper, subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Charlotte E. Harper: that the said Charlotte E. Harper, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 1st day of March 1871.

And the deponent further saith that the said Charlotte E. Harper, the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited, to be her last will and testament; and this deponent, did, thereupon, subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time, when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Charlotte E. Harper 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 these deponents say not. Severally sworn to and  
subscribed before me

June 13, 1879.

H. H. Hunter,

C. C.

Martha E. Moseley, being duly sworn says, That since signing her name to said will, she has intermarried with W. S. Moseley.

Martha E. Moseley.

Lenoir County. In the Probate Court, June 13, 1879.

On reading and considering the application of J. W. Harper to admit a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charlotte Harper, deceased, to probate, and to be qualified as executor thereof, according to the appointment thereby made, and having examined on oath Martha E. Moseley and John S. Harper, the subscribing witnesses thereto, as to the execution thereof: It is adjudged that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Charlotte E. Harper, deceased, and the same, as such, is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said J. W. Harper, the executor aforesaid, comes forward and takes and subscribes the following oath:

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I, J. W. Harper, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Charlotte E. Harper, deceased; and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying her debts and then her legacies, as far as the said estate shall 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 13th day  
of June, 1879.

J. W. Harper,  
Probate Judge.

I, Charlotte E. Harper, of the County of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit:

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Lula Harper, one bed and furniture, a bureau, and any two ottomans.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Edgar Harper, one bed and furniture and the silver watch bought by me at his father's sale.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson Frank Harper, one bed and furniture and the silver spoons bought by me at his father's sale.

Item. I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named

the tract of land lying in Craven County, formerly belonging to F. M. Harper and purchased by me from James M. Parrott and wife, and from R. H. Rountree; to be disposed of as follows, to wit: that my executor shall sell the same at public or private sale as to him may seem best and from the proceeds of such sale, after deducting the necessary expenses of making the same, he shall pay over to the guardian of John F. Harper, or to John F. Harper if he be twenty-one years old, the full amount of money which I, as guardian shall be due said John F. Harper over and above the notes which I shall hold belonging to said John F. Harper; and the remainder of the money arising from the sale of said land my executor shall pay over to the guardian of Lula, Edgar and Frank Harper, who shall hold the same for their use and benefit. Item I give and devise to my executor hereinafter named my tract of land lying in Lenoir County adjoining the lands of William Kennedy, Noah Rouse, Jesse Wood and others to be disposed of as follows: he shall rent out the same until my grandchild, Frank Harper (son of F. M. Harper) shall become twenty-one years old and shall apply the proceeds of said rent for the education and support of my grandchildren, Lula, Edgar, and Frank Harper (children of F. M. Harper) until they shall become severally twenty-one years of age, to be applied in such sums as my executor shall think best. It is my further will and desire that when the youngest of said children shall become twenty-one years old, that said land lying in Lenoir County shall descend to my heirs in general, according to law. Item I hereby appoint and constitute James M. Harper 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.

In witness whereof, I the said Charlotte E. Harper do hereunto set my hand and seal this March 1st, A. D., 1871.

Charlotte E. Harper. *(Red)*

Signed, sealed and declared  
by the said Charlotte E.  
Harper to be her last will  
and testament in the pres-  
ence of us, who at her request

in her presence, and in the  
presence of each other, do  
subscribe our names as  
witnesses thereto.

Martha E. Harper  
John F. Harper.

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge and Superior Court Clerk of Lenoir County, the 18th day of June, 1879.

W. H. S. Hunter,  
Judge & Clerk.

Margaret Phillips.

Lenoir County. In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the will, Before W. H. S. Hunter,  
of Margaret Phillips. Judge of Probate.

W. F. McCoy, being sworn, says:  
That Margaret Phillips late of said county, is dead, having  
first published her last will and testament, and that W. F. McCoy is the executor therein named.

Further, that the property of the said Margaret Phillips, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, one insolvent note on S. C. Phillips and H. H. Rountree, is worth about \$100.00 and that Osgan Sumrell, Ansy Sumrell, Cynthia Moore, Zilpha McCoy, Elizabeth Phillips, and Belinda S. Phillips are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

William F. McCoy.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1879.

W. H. S. Hunter,  
Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina. In the Probate Court  
Lenoir County.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret Phillips, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County, by W. F. McCoy, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Margaret Phillips, by the oath and examination of J. S.