

for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Chelly Harters, that the said Chelly Harters 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 9th day of Dec, 1878. And the deponent further saith, that the said Chelly Harters, the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as 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 testatrix.

And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her 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 Chelly Harters 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 and  
subscribed 11th day of  
March, 1879, before me.

Wm. H. Hunter  
Probate Judge.

Jas. M. Kines S. *(seal)*  
John W. Harters *(seal)*

Lenoir County, Probate Court March 11, 1879.  
On reading and considering the application of Franklin Hail to admit a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Chelly Harters, deceased, to probate, and to be qualified as executor thereof, according to the appointment thereby made, and having examined on oath Jas. M. Kines Dr. and John W. Harters, 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 Chelly Harters, deceased, and the same, as such, is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Franklin Hail, the executor aforesaid, comes forward and takes and subscribes the following oath:

North Carolina,  
Lenoir County,

I, Franklin Hail, do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Chelly Harters, 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 Executor, agreeably to the trust and confidence reposed in me, and according to law, so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me, March 11, 1879.

Wm. H. Hunter

C. F. C.

whereupon, letters testamentary are issued to the said Franklin Hail as Executor of the said last will and testament.

Wm. H. Hunter  
Probate Judge.

I, Chelly Harters of the County of Lenoir and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First that my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and bequeath the whole of my property both real and personal including all my property of every description to the following relation and friends viz: the estate of Alexander Wilson dec. one note the principal being five hundred dollars which I hold against the said estate the balance one half to be equal divided between Sally Lee Brantly and the lawful heirs of her body to be paid to them as they become twenty-one years old by my executor or to their guardian, the remaining half to be equally divided between Polly Hail, Franklin Hail, Bettie J. Rouse and Thomas P. Hail. To them their heirs executors administrators and assigns forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend and relation Franklin Hail my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testa-

ment according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Whelly Harters do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 14th day of June, 1878.  
Signed sealed published

*Whelly Harters* *Seal*  
mark

and declared by the said Whelly Harters to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Jas. M. Hines Jr.  
John W. Harters.

Dodicil:

I, Whelly Harters do make and ordain as a Dodicil to my last Will and testament above set forth, that having surrendered the note referred to in my will as aforesaid for five hundred dollars due the estate of Alexander Wilson, it is my will and desire if the heirs of the said Alexander Wilson shall annually pay to me during any lifetime, the interest at six per centum per annum on the sum of four hundred eighty-two & 50/100 dollars, (\$482.50) then the said heirs of Alexander Wilson, will not be required to pay the principal to any heirs or to my executors after my death.

In witness whereof, I the said Whelly Harters do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 9th day of December, A. D. 1878.

*Whelly Harters* *Seal*  
mark

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

Acknowledged.

Jas. M. Hines Jr  
John W. Harters.

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge and Superior Court Clerk of Lenoir County, the 1st day of March, 1879.

*H. H. Hunter*  
Judge & Clerk.

Charlotte Harper. Lenoir County: In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the Probate }  
of the will of Charlotte E. Harper. }

1. J. W. Harper respectfully showeth  
that Charlotte E. Harper of Lenoir County died on the 9th day of June A. D. 1879, leaving a last Will and Testament which your petitioner now presents for probate.  
2. That J. W. Harper is named in said will as sole Executor thereof.  
3. That the following is the nature and value of said testator's property, as near as can be ascertained - viz Household and kitchen furniture \$300- one horse and buggy \$75- cattle, hogs and farming implements \$60- interest in crop and rents \$150- five promissory notes made by John F. Harper, one for eight bales of cotton due Jan. 1st 1877,  
one for ten " " " " " 1878.  
" " " " " " " 1879  
" " " " " " " 1880  
" " " " " " " 1881  
worth about \$1500.

4. That the following are the names and residences of the parties entitled to the testator's property - Mary E. Rouse La Grange, N. C., J. P. Harper Goldsboro, N. C., Jessie S. Hodges Telling Creek, N. C., M. E. Mosely, Kinston, N. C., J. W. Harper Kinston, N. C., H. L. Wooten, La Grange, N. C., J. S. Harper, Kinston, N. C., Lula Harper, Lenoir County, N. C., Edgar Harper Swain County, and F. L. Harper, Lewis County. That the last three parties are minors without guardian.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that said will may be admitted to probate, and letters testamentary granted, sworn to and subscribed before me, June 13, 1879.

J. W. Harper

*H. H. Hunter* Probate Judge