

last will and testament of the said William P. Loftin, deceased and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. Whereupon the said E. G. Gilbert, the surviving Executor named in the said last will and testament of the said W. P. Loftin, dec'd; And therupon, Josephine E. Loftin comes into Court, and applies for letters of administration, with the will annexed of the said W. P. Loftin, deceased, which are granted to her, upon her entering into bond in the sum of Twenty Eight hundred dollars - Bond with John C. Hooten, L. and E. G. Cox, as sureties, given and approved. Letters issued.

*Wm. H. Hunter
Probate Judge.*

Recorded in the Office of the Superior Court Clerk and Probate Judge of Lenoir County, July 25, 1882.

*Wm. H. Hunter
Clerk & Judge.*

Curtis Smith.

State of North Carolina }
Lenoir County }

In the Probate Court.
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Curtis Smith, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County by William Smith and Zacky Smith, and the due execution thereof by the said Curtis Smith is proved by the oath and examination of David C. Smith and J. W. Hardy the 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 Curtis Smith, deceased; that the said Curtis Smith in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the day of ¹⁸ and the deponent further saith that the said Curtis Smith, the testator as aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this

deponent did hereupon 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 deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Curtis Smith 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.

*David C. Smith.
J. W. Hardy.*

¶ This My Will.

Knowing that I am in my right mind, I first will my soul to the Lord, my body to the earth. I then will to William Smith, the oldest son, a tract of my lands known as the Mary Taylor land, Beginning at the Bay corner, then running with Major Sanderson's line to Dr. Hyatt's line, then with his line to Henry Goodman's line, then with his line to Mary Taylor's line, then a strait line to the main ditch, then with the main ditch to the beginning Bay corner. To have and to hold as his own. I then will to Zacky Smith, the second son, my horse, mare or mule, as the case may be, all other stock, farming utensils, and all the lands belonging to me except the above-mentioned lands, with the understanding that my widow has a home on the place during her single life. Also my three daughters, Bessey, Nancy and Mary have a home on the place during their single life. I will that Zacky has this property to hold as his own. Witness - David C. Smith } Curtis Smith
J. W. Hardy. } mark

North Carolina,

Lenoir County, } Probate Court

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Curtis Smith, deceased is exhibited before me by William Smith and

Zacky Smith, the legatees therein named, and the due execution thereof is proved by the oath and Examination of David C. Smith and J. W. Hardy, the subscribing witness thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing and every part thereof, is the last Will and Testament of Curtis Smith, deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

H. H. Hunter
Probate Judge.

Recorded in the office of the Superior Court Clerk and Probate Judge of Lenoir County, August 1st 1882.

H. H. Hunter
Clerk & Judge.

Debbie C. Bright, North Carolina } Probate Court.
Lenoir County } April 3, 1882.

Hill.

In the matter of the
Last Will and Testament
of Debbie C. Bright, deceased

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Debbie C. Bright, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County for said County, by R. F. Bright, the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Debbie C. Bright, is proved by the oath and examination of B. F. Daugherty and Charles G. Lassiter the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself affirm and sayeth that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Debbie C. Bright, deceased, that she said Debbie C. Bright in the presence of the deponents did set her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bearing date of December 6, 1881. And these deponents further say that said Debbie C. Bright, the testator aforesaid, died at the time aforesaid, declares the said paper writing to be her last Will and Testament, and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said

will as witnesses thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testatrix. And these deponents sayeth that at the time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to said last will and testament as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Debbie C. Bright 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 these deponents and further these deponents sayeth not.

Sworn to and Subscribed
before me April 3, 1882. }
H. H. Hunter, }
Probate Judge)

Will.

I, Debbie C. Bright of the County of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: That is to say, that my Executor hereinafter named, shall pay all my just debts out of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate. Item— I give and bequeath to each of my children, Claude, Clarence M. Adelle, Daisy D., and Russell Regim Bright, one bed and furniture each: to have and to hold to them and their heirs absolutely and forever. My will and desire is that my real estate remain in the hands of my present Trustee for the benefit and use of my children—and should my present Trustee desire to give up said trust, or die before my oldest child is of age, and my husband, R. F. Bright is living; it is my desire that he be appointed Trustee for them.

Item— My remaining property, if any, I leave in the hands of my Executor to be disposed of as he may think fit for the benefit and use of my children. I hereby appoint and constitute my husband R. F. Bright my my Executor to carry with effect, this my last Will, the full meaning and intent thereof.

In witness whereof, I hereby set my name,