

Attest:
A. Munroe.

Lenoir County: In the Probate Court
In the matter of the administration of the estate of John Hawkins, deceased. Before ^{W. H. Hunter} Probate Judge.
J. L. Kennedy and John C. Mooten, being sworn, do say: That John Hawkins, late of said County, is dead, leaving a last will and testament, and that E. R. Hawkins is the proper person entitled to letters testamentary on the estate of the said John Hawkins, and that he has renounced the said Executorship in favor of the said J. L. Kennedy.

Further, that the value of said estate, as far as can be ascertained, at the date of this application, is about \$750, and that E. R. Hawkins, John H. Hawkins, Zebbedee Hawkins, Nancy S. Hawkins, Julia C. Cannon, wife of John Cannon, Sarah E. White, wife of Samuel White, all of whom are twenty-one years old, except Zebbedee Hawkins, are legacies and devisees thereof.

John C. Mooten.
J. L. Kennedy.

Sworn and subscribed
before me this 24th day of
April, 1877.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Hawkins, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate, for said County, by Elias Russell Hawkins, the Executor therein named, who renounces in favor of J. L. Kennedy, and the due execution thereof by the said John Hawkins, by the oath and examination of John H. Mooten and John H. Mooten, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and

say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of John Hawkins, that the said John Hawkins 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 21st day of June, 1877.

And the deponent further saith that the said John Hawkins, the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him, and exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request, and in the presence of the 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 John Hawkins was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

John C. Mooten, ^{Sub}
John H. Mooten, ^{Sub}

Sworn and subscribed
this 24th day of April, 1877 before
me.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

I, John Hawkins of the County of Green and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, do considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, fully revoking all other wills heretofore made by me, that is to say:
First. That my executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the views of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereunto to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that first come into his hands as a part and parcel

estate.

Item. I give and devise to my sons John Henderson Hawkins and Elias Russell Hawkins all that tract of land in Lenoir County, State of North Carolina near the Cold Hills and adjoining the lands of Samuel Howard, John Jackson and others containing fifty eight acres - to be equally divided between them - to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter Nancy Susan Hawkins one half of the plantation whereon I now live (being on Long Creek in Lenoir County and State of North Carolina) said to contain eighty five acres - to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever. It is my will and desire that my daughter Nancy Susan Hawkins shall have the upper part of the said tract of land next to Simon White's.

Item. I give and devise to my youngest son Zebbedee Hawkins during the term of his natural life the other half of said tract of land whereon I now live (on Long Creek in Lenoir County, North Carolina) and after his death I give and devise said land (that is the land I loan to my son Zebbedee) to his lawful children, to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever. If my son Zebbedee Hawkins shall die without lawful children, then after his death I give and devise said tract of land to my daughter Nancy Susan Hawkins to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Susan Hawkins, one bed and bedstead and ^{new} furniture, two cows and yearlings and one boom, to be hers and other disposals forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Zebbedee Hawkins all of my household and kitchen furniture at my residence on Long Creek, and also the residue of my stock of cattle of every description to be his and at his disposals forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Henderson Hawkins and Elias Russell Hawkins the residue of my household and kitchen furniture on my plantation near the Cold Hills to be at their disposals forever. My sons John Henderson and

Elias Russell Hawkins has had their share of my stock heretofore, therefore I give them none now.

Item. I give and bequeath to my two daughters Sarah Elizabeth White and Julia Ann Conner the sum of five dollars each to be paid by my executor, to be at their disposal forever. My said daughters Sarah Elizabeth White and Julia Ann Conner has had their share of my stock in hogs.

Item. And whereas my youngest son Zebbedee Hawkins, is a minor and will not be of age until the 1st day of March, 1876: Now, therefore, my will and desire is that John W. Wooten, Esq., is hereby constituted and appointed Guardian of my said son Zebbedee Hawkins, to have and to hold the custody and Guardianship both of his person and estate until he arrives at the age of twenty-one years.

And, lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Elias Russell Hawkins my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute the my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof hereby making and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said John Hawkins do hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of June, A.D. 1875.

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the said John Hawkins 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 thereon.

John W. Wooten.
John W. Conner.

John ^{his} Hawkins ^{marks}

Lenoir County, in the Probate Court. March 24, 1876.

On reading the remuneration of John W. Wooten, Elias Russell Hawkins and Zebbedee Hawkins, and the report and application of J. W. Wooten and J. W. Conner for the latter to be qualified as administrators with the will annexed of John Hawkins, said, and to have the last

and testament of said deceased probated, and having examined on oath John L. Mooten, and John H. Noonce, the two subscribing witnesses thereto as to the execution thereof, it is adjudged by the Court,

That the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said John Hawkins, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and thereupon the said J. L. Kennedy, comes forward and enters into bond in the sum of \$1000 Dollars, with John L. Mooten as surety, and takes and subscribes the following oaths:

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

I, J. L. Kennedy, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of John Hawkins, 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 shall extend, or the law will charge me; and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of administrator with the will annexed, agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in the Executor therein named, and according to law, so help me God.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 25th day of April, 1873.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Whereupon, Letters of Administration with the will annexed are issued to the said J. L. Kennedy.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge, and Clerk of the Superior Court in Lenoir County, North Carolina, the 24th day of April, 1873.

W. H. Hunter,
Judge & Clerk.

Nancy Elott.

Lenoir County, — In the Probate Court.
In the matter of the will } Before W. H. Hunter,
of Nancy Elott } Judge of Probate.

John H. Aldridge & Thos. M. Aldridge being sworn, do say: That Nancy Elott, late of said county, is dead, having first made and published her last will and testament; and that John H. Aldridge is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Nancy Elott consisting of one mare, 2 oxen, house hold and kitchen furniture, & interest in grazing crop on her dower is worth about \$2000 as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that R. M. Aldridge heirs, viz: Eliza, Betsy, Thos. Mary S. Nancy, Rachel, John and Richard — the three latter of whom are minors without guardian, Martha Higgins, Francis S. Aldridge, & Nancy S. Bassett, who live in Lenoir Co., N.C., Smither, Mooming & Jno. Mooming, who are minors without guardian, supposed to reside in Pamlico County, Thomas Herring, Alexander Herring, Joseph Herring, & James Herring, all of whom are 21 years old except Joseph Herring who is without guardian, and all live in Lenoir County, are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of August, 1873.
W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

John H. Aldridge,
S. M. Aldridge.

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Nancy Elott, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county, by John H. Aldridge, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Nancy Elott, by the oath and examination of John H. Aldridge and Thomas M. Aldridge, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Nancy Elott, that the said Nancy Elott 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 25th day of June, 1870.

And the deponent further swears, that the said Nancy Elott the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name