

State of North Carolina }
 Lenoir County. }

In the matter of the
 will and testament of } In the Probate Court
 L. S. Hardy, deceased. }

Samuel M. Hardy being duly sworn, saith, that L. S. Hardy, late of the county of Lenoir, is dead, having made and declared & published his last will and testament in which said will and testament this affiant is appointed executor thereof. That the value of the estate of said deceased as near as can be ascertained at this time is about fifteen hundred dollars, and that this affiant and James R. Hardy are entitled as distributees and legatees of the estate of said deceased.

That said legatees are residents of Lenoir County, State of North Carolina.

Sworn & subscribed
 before me the 2nd day
 of March, 1880.
 W. H. K. Hunter.

L. M. Hardy.

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A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of L. S. Hardy, dec'd, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county, by Samuel M. Hardy, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Samuel M. Hardy, and the oath and examination of W. R. Barrington, a subscribing witness thereto, and the oath and examination of W. H. Hardy, L. M. Hardy. The said W. R. Barrington 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 L. S. Hardy, that the said L. S. Hardy 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 20th day of October, 1880. And this deponent further saith, that the said L. S. Hardy, 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, 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 this deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said L. S. Hardy 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 say not.

And W. H. Hardy and L. M. Hardy, each, for himself saith, that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said L. S. Hardy, and that the signature at the end of the paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of L. S. Hardy and bearing the date of October 20th, 1880, is the handwriting of the said L. S. Hardy and that at said date of October 20th, 1880, said L. S. Hardy was of sound mind and memory, and further these deponents say not.

Sworn to and subscribed
 before me, March 2, 1881.
 W. H. K. Hunter,
 Probate Judge.

W. R. Barrington.
 W. H. Hardy.
 L. M. Hardy.

Lenoir County-Probate Court, March 2nd, 1881.

On reading and considering the application of Samuel M. Hardy to admit a paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of L. S. Hardy, dec'd, to probate, and to be qualified as executor thereof, according to the appointment thereby made and having examined, on oath, W. H. Hardy, L. M. Hardy, and W. R. Barrington, the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is adjudged that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said L. S. Hardy, dec'd, and the same, as such, is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon, L. M. Hardy, the executor aforesaid, comes forward and takes and subscribes the following oath:

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I, Lemuel M. Hardy do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to contain the last will and testament of L. S. Hardy, and that I will, as executor thereof execute the same by paying the debts and legacies, as far as the estate of