

L. S. Hardy. testator will extend, and will truly and faithfully execute the trust imposed in one according to law, so help me God.

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

L. S. Hardy.

Whereupon letters testamentary are issued to the said L. S. Hardy, as executor to the said last will and testament.
W. H. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

I, Levi S. Hardy, of the county of Lenoir and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:
First—That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my beloved brother, Lemuel M. Hardy all my land known as lot No. 67, five in the partition of the lands of Parrott M. Hardy, deceased among his heirs at law. To have and to hold to him his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever.

Provided however that the said Lemuel M. Hardy shall pay to James R. Hardy, one hundred (\$100) dollars within three years from the execution of this instrument said amount I desire him to have as his interest in my real estate. I also give to my brother Lemuel all my personal estate consisting of five cattle five hogs one gold watch one cart.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly beloved brother Lemuel M. Hardy 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 and every particular clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore

I witness whereof I the said Levi S. Hardy do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 20th day of October 1880.
L. S. Hardy Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Levi S. Hardy 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 thereto.
Richard Skinner
Marshall Punningim
Mr. R. Barrington.

Recorded in the office of the Superior Court Clerk & Probate Judge of Lenoir County, April 1st, 1881.
W. H. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge Clerk

Hardy Will.

Lenoir County—In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the will of Hardy Will, deceased. } Before W. H. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Susan E. Will being sworn, says:
That Hardy Will late of said county, is dead, having first made and published his last will and testament, and that Susan E. Will is the executrix therein named.

Further, that the property of the said Hardy Will, consisting of 164 acres of land, household and kitchen furniture, mules, cattle, hogs, farming implements, and a small lot of other personal property, as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and that Susan E. Will, Hattie Will, Cora E. Will and Mr. R. Will are the parties entitled under said will to the said property, amounting to about \$10,000.
Sworn to & subscribed before me, 11th day of February, 1881.
W. H. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

First of L. S. Hardy one hundred dollars in full satisfaction of the within—Chas. J. J. upon the last of L. S. Hardy died James R. Hardy

W. H. H. Hunter

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North Carolina, } Probate Court.
 Lenoir County. }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Hardy Hill, deceased, is exhibited before me by Susan E. Hill, the executrix, and the due execution thereof, by the said deceased is proved by the oath and examination of E. R. Rouse and W. H. North the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being affirmed doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Hardy Hill, dec'd, that the said Hardy Hill, 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, 26th Nov., 1899. And the deponent further saith that the said Hardy Hill, 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 the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Hardy Hill 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.

E. R. Rouse (Seal)
 W. H. North. (Seal)

Lenoir County - Probate Court. April 11th, 1891.

On reading and considering the application of Susan E. Hill to admit a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Hardy Hill, to probate, and to be qualified as executrix thereof, according to the appointment therein made, and having examined on oath E. R. Rouse and W. H. North, the subscribing witnesses thereto

as to the execution thereof, it is adjudged that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of Hardy Hill, dec'd, and the same, as such, is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon, Susan E. Hill, the executrix aforesaid, comes forward and takes and subscribes the following oath.

North Carolina,
 Lenoir County.

In the Probate Court.

I, Susan E. Hill, do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Hardy Hill, 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 an executor, agreeably to the trust & confidence reposed in me, and according to law, so help me God.

Sworn and subscribed
 before me, this 11th
 day of April, 1891.

W. H. Hunter,
 Probate Judge.

Susan E. Hill.

whereupon letters testamentary are issued to the said Susan E. Hill, as executrix of the said last will and testament.

W. H. Hunter,
 Probate Judge.

In the name of God amen.

I Hardy Hill, of the county of Lenoir and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following that is to say.

First: That my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts to whomsoever owing, out of the monies that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 1st. I give and devise to my beloved wife, Susan E. Hill sixty four acres of land on the west side of my plantation whereon I now live, so as to include my mansion house, all out houses and other improvements, together with all my personal property of every character, with the growing crop if any that may be on hand at any date.

to have and to hold during the term of her natural life or widowhood.

Item 2nd. I give and devise to my youngest daughter Mattie, after the death or second marriage of my wife Susan, sixty four acres of land mentioned in item first, also all the personal property of every character that may be in the possession of my wife at the happening of the above mentioned contingencies, also the growing crop that may be on hand, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple, forever.

Item 3rd. Whereas I am indebted to my two first children Cora E. Hill & Claude Hill in the sum of eleven hundred and ninety dollars, and whereas, I have conveyed by mortgage to Thomas A. Heath & Wiley T. Mosely one hundred acres of my land where I now live said hundred acres to be taken off the east side of my plantation to secure the said Heath and Mosely, my bondsmen, for the forthcoming of the above mentioned eleven hundred and ninety dollars at my death, now, therefore, it is my will and desire that the one hundred acres of land above mentioned shall remain as security for the aforesaid debt and should the aforesaid one hundred acres of land be insufficient to pay said debt then it is my will and desire that so much of my personal property given to my wife in item first be sold either at public or private sale as shall seem best to my executrix hereinafter named to satisfy said debt, but should there be any surplus arising out of the sale of the said one hundred acres of land after the payment of the above mentioned debt and expenses, then I give and devise said overplus to my daughter Mattie in fee simple forever.

Item 4th. I give and devise to my daughter, Cora E. Hill fifty cents.

Item 5th. I give and devise to my son Claude Hill fifty cents.

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Susan E. Hill, my executrix to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said Hardy Hill, do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 26th day of November, A. D. 1877.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Hardy Hill 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 thereto.

E. R. House.
Wm. H. North.

Hardy Hill (Seal)

Recorded in the office of the Superior Court Clerk and Probate Judge of Lenoir County May 9th, 1881.
Wm. H. Hunt, Jr.
Probate Judge Clerk

Fiddy Quin Hudson. Lenoir County— In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the will of } Before Wm. H. Hunt, Jr.
Fiddy Quin Hudson, deceased. } Judge of Probate

Wiley Lowery being sworn says:

That Fiddy Quin Hudson, late of said county is dead, having first made and published her last will and testament and that Wiley Lowery is the executor therein named.

Further, That the property of the said Fiddy Quin Hudson, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, a house and lot, is worth about \$300.00, as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application, and that Annie Quinn, John Quinn, William Quinn and Maggie Hudson, are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26th day of March, 1881.

Wm. H. Hunt, Jr.
Probate Judge.

Wiley Lowery