

Hereinafter named, out of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part, or parcel of my estate

Item 1. I loan to my beloved wife all of my Real estate and its products, and personal property, during her natural life

Item 2. After the death of my wife I give devise and bequeath to my Grand daughter Loucrey Croin and her heirs and assigns in fee simple absolutely forever, the followings lands viz: Beginning at a Lightwood stake in the Big ditch (Beaver Dam) runs straight to the street gums at the Goat yard the same direction to the outside line near the Road, all on the South side of said line to have and to hold to their own use and behoof, one Bed Bedstead and furniture, the one that I claim as my own.

Item 3. After the death of my wife I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Julia An. Croin and her heirs and assigns in fee simple, all of my lands and personal property not mentioned in Item 2. If Loucrey Croin dies without heirs said property mentioned in Item 2. shall go to Item 3. Said Loucrey Croin shall not share in property mentioned in Item 3.

And lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint John Noble my lawful executor to all intent and purposes to execute this my last will and testament hereby declaring this and the only, to be and contain my last will and testament and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal. This 27 day April 1857.

A. H. Byrd

Signed sealed published and declared by A. H. Byrd to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Wm B. Shunn
Amos Stroud Jr

Probate of
Will

State of North Carolina }
Lenoir County } In Superior Court.

In the matter of the last will of A. H. Byrd. It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Wm B. Shunn and Amos Stroud Jr the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Administrator with the will annexed, is the last will and testament of A. H. Byrd and that the same was duly executed by said A. H. Byrd in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said A. H. Byrd was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said A. H. Byrd, and the Administrator with the will annexed qualify as such.

This the 10th day of September 1857.

E. M. Bizzell

Clerk Superior Court

Recorded in the office of the Superior Court Clerk for Lenoir County this 20th day of September 1857.

E. M. Bizzell

Clerk Sup. Court

In the matter of
the last will &
Testament of
H. E. Hill
Application
of
H. A. Gray
for
Letters

State of North Carolina }
Lenoir County }

In the matter of the last will } Before E. M. Bizzell
of H. E. Hill } Clerk Superior Court

H. A. Gray being duly sworn, doth say: That H. E. Hill, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last will and Testament, and that the said H. A. Gray is the executor named therein. Further, that the property of the said H. E. Hill consisting of wearing apparel and personal effects is worth about \$300.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that H. A. Gray are the parties entitled under said will to the said property. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 20th day of October 1857. E. M. Bizzell
Clerk Superior Court

H. A. Gray

Examination
of
Witnesses

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of M. E. Hill deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by M. A. Gray the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said M. E. Hill by the oath and examination of P. B. Rountree Myrtie A. Gray and Julia E. Gray the subscribing witnesses thereto: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for him or herself depose and saith that she or he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him or her purporting to be the last will and testament of M. E. Hill; that the said M. E. 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 of the 6th day of November 1886.

And the deponent further saith, that the said M. E. Hill the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing 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 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 deponent subscribing his or her name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said M. E. 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.

P. B. Rountree
Myrtie A. Gray
Julia E. Gray

Solemnly sworn and subscribed
this 3rd day of Oct. 1887 before me
E. N. Diggell
Clerk Superior Court

Executor
Oath

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

I, M. A. Gray do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of M. E. 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 agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in me, and according to law, so help me God.

Sworn and Subscribed before
me, this 3rd day of October 1887.
E. N. Diggell
Clerk Superior Court

The
Will

North Carolina }
Lenoir County }

In the name of God - Amen!

I, M. E. Hill now of Lenoir County, and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do declare and make this my last will and testament as follows:

First, that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and especially to the wishes of my nephew M. A. Gray, and erect over my grave a nice and suitable tomb-stone, and pay all my debts and expenses.

Item: I give and bequeath and devise all of my personal effects to my nephew Marshal A. Gray, and I the said M. E. Hill do hereby appoint my beloved nephew Marshal A. Gray my executor to execute this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke all other wills and testaments made by me in this County and State or elsewhere.

In witness whereof I the said M. E. Hill do hereto set my seal this 6th day of November 1886.
M. E. Hill

(over)

signed, sealed and declared
by the said M. E. 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.

P. M. Rountree
Myrtie N. Gray
Julia E. Gray.

State of North Carolina }
Lenoir County } In Superior Court

In the matter of the last will of M. E. Hill.
Appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of
P. M. Rountree, Myrtie N. Gray and Julia E. Gray the
subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing
propounded by the executor therein named, is the
last will and testament of M. E. Hill and that the
same was duly executed by said M. E. Hill in the
presence of said witnesses and that at the time
of signing the same the said M. E. Hill was of
sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that
the said paper writing be admitted to probate as
the last will and testament of the said M. E. Hill
and the executor therein named qualify as such.
This the 3rd day of October 1887.

E. M. Riggall
Clerk Superior Court

Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the
Superior Court of Lenoir County this the 11th
day of October 1887.

E. M. Riggall
cl. Sup. Court

Jacob M. Cotten } North Carolina
Lenoir County } In the Superior Court

Application

Robert B. M. Cotten

for
Letters
Testamentary

In the matter of the will } Before E. M. Riggall
of Jacob M. Cotten } Clerk Superior Court.

Robt. B. M. Cotten, being duly sworn, doth say:
That Jacob M. Cotten, late of said County, is dead;
having first made and published his last will and
testament; and that he R. B. M. Cotten is the execu-
tor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Jacob M. Cotten
consisting of real & personal estate is worth about
\$5,000.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of
this application; and that Emmeline M. Cotten, Elizabeth
Corney, & children, Jacob A. Johnson & children, Eliza
Griffins children, Julia A. Baraway & children, (except
Marcelus Mrs. B. M. Cotten, & Justus M. Cotten and
Martin Jones) are the parties entitled under said
will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed } Robt. B. M. Cotten
before me this 5th day of October }
1887. E. M. Riggall R. S. C. }

Examination
of
Witnesses

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testa-
ment of Jacob M. Cotten deceased, is exhibited before
me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court
for said County, by Robert B. M. Cotten the executor
therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof
by the said Jacob M. Cotten by the oath and
examination of D. R. Jackson and J. L. Jackson
the subscribing witnesses thereto: who, being duly
sworn, doth depose and say, and each for him-
self 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
Jacob M. Cotten; that the said Jacob M. Cotten, in
the presence of this deponent, subscribed his
name at the end of said paper writing, which
is now shown as aforesaid, and which was