

Mary Ann Hardy at men John Hardy of the County of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the nearness of my earthly existence, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that to be day.

Proved.
Nov. 1st 1869.

First, I lend my mother, Sallie M. Hardy the use of all my real estate during her natural life.

Then, I give and devise to my two youngest, sister Sarah Margaret Hardy and Julia Eliza Hardy, and niece Susan Elizabeth Weston, after the death of my mother Sallie M. Hardy. All my real estate to be equally divided among them. But in case that either one above named children should die without leaving a lawful heir, by the death of their body, their part of said estate shall go to the surviving parties and then heirs to the last.

Then, I give and devise to my youngest sister Julia Eliza Hardy, my lot of water,

Then, I give and devise to my niece Susan Elizabeth Weston, my gold chain attached to the above named watch,

Then I give and bequeath to my sister Sarah Margaret Hardy my jewelry.

Then, I leave my clothing and wearing apparel in the hands of my mother Sallie M. Hardy, to dispose of among my relatives as she may think proper.

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate, of any other taking such the devises and legacies above mentioned, after the payment of my debts and expenses shall be equally divided among my two youngest sister, Sarah Margaret Hardy and Julia Eliza Hardy, and my niece Susan Elizabeth Weston.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my mother Sallie 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 part and clause thereof.

In witness whereof I the said Mary Ann Hardy, do sign with my hand and seal this the 28th day of June A.D. 1869.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Mary Ann Hardy to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request, and in her do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

S. A. Barthers
J. H. Hardy

Probate to
Mary & Mary
will.

Lenoir County — By the Probate Court
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Ann Hardy, deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned judge of Probate for said County, by Sallie M. Hardy the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary Ann Hardy, by the oath and examination of S. A. Barthers and of J. H. Hardy, the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and say that it is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Ann Hardy. That the said Mary Ann Hardy subscribed her name in the presence of the deponent at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date on the 28th day of June 1869.

And the deponent further saith that the said Sallie M. Hardy, the executor aforesaid did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare to the said paper writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe her 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 her name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Mary Ann Hardy was of sound mind and memory, of full age, to execute a will, and was not under any to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not.

Subscribed
this 1st Nov 1869 before me.

R. H. Green

Probate judge

Lenoir County — By the Probate Court
I Sallie M. Hardy, do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be & contain the last will and testament of Mary Ann Hardy, deceased and that I will well and truly execute the same, by first paying her debts and then her legacies; as far as the said estate shall extend or the law will charge, me & that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor according to the trust & confidence reposed in me and according to law & help me God.

Subscribed
before me this 28th Oct 1869

R. H. Green

Probate judge

Mary Ann 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 fulfill this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

Decr. 16th 1869.

First, I give and devise to my two youngest sisters Sarah Margaret Hardy and Julia Eliza Hardy, and niece Susan Elizabeth Becton, after the death of my mother Sallie M. Hardy, all my real estate to be equally divided among them. But in case that either one above named children should die without leaving a lawful heir, by then of their body, their part of said estate shall go to the surviving parties and their heirs to the last.

Item, I give and devise to my youngest sister Julia Eliza Hardy, my lot of water,

Item, I give and devise to my niece Susan Elizabeth Becton, my gold chain attached to the above named watch,

Item I give and bequeath to my sister Sarah Margaret Hardy my jewelry,

Item, I leave my clothing and wearing apparel in the hands of my Mother Sallie M. Hardy, to dispose of among my relations as she may think proper.

My will and devise is that all the residue of my estate of any after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned, after the payment of my debts and expenses shall be equally divided among my two youngest sisters, Sarah Margaret Hardy and Julia Eliza Hardy, and my niece Susan Elizabeth Becton.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Mother Sallie 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 part and clause thereof.

In witness whereof I the said Mary Ann Hardy do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28th day of June A.D. 1869.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Mary Ann Hardy to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her Request, and in her do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

J. H. Bortner
Jesse Hardy

Probate do
Mary Ann Hardy
will.

Lenoir County — In the Probate Court
I paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Ann Hardy died is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate, for said County, Sallie M. Hardy the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said Mary Ann Hardy, by the oath and examination of J. H. Bortner and of Jesse Hardy, the subscribing witnesses thereto: Who being duly sworn doth depose and say one each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown being purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Ann Hardy. That the said Mary Ann Hardy subscribed her name in the presence of this deponent at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date the 28th day of June 1869.

And the deponent further saith that the said Mary Ann Hardy, the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare to the said paper writing to be subscribed by her and admitted to be her last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe her name at the end of said will as an attesting witness and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator, and the deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Mary Ann Hardy was of sound mind and memory, of full age, to execute a will, and was not under any to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not.

J. H. Bortner
Jesse Hardy
this 1st Decr 1869, before me.
R. H. Green
Probate Judge

Lenoir County — In the Probate Court
I Sallie M. Hardy, do solemnly swear, that I believe this writing to be & contain the last will and testament of Mary Ann Hardy deceased and that I will well and truly execute the same, by first paying her debts and then her legacies; as far as the said estate shall extend or the law will charge, me & that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor according to the trust & confidence reposed in me and according to law to help me good.

Sallie M. Hardy
before me this 30th Oct 1869
R. H. Green
Probate Judge

May Ann Mary's
will on Page 187
and.

Enrolled in due form of Law this the 21st May 1870

R. F. Green

Probate Judge

John Johnson's
will

June 23rd Decr 1869

In the name of God Amen.
I John Johnson being of sound mind and memory blessed be God, do make
published & declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and
form following, to wit, I commit my soul to God who give it - then I be-
lieve it is my will and desire after my death that my body be decently buried and
my just debts & funeral expenses paid by my executors herein after men-
tioned - I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth, all of
my property of every description to her, her heirs and assigns for ever.
I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Johnson
sole executrix to this my last will and testament Revolving all other wills
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal.

The day of July A. D. 1853

Signed sealed published
and declared by the testator
in presence of us & at whose request
we subscribe our names as witnesses
R. F. Green
Chas. H. Hill

John Johnson

Lenoir County. — In the Probate Court
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John Johnson
deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said
County. Elizabeth Johnson the executrix therein named, and the due exe-
cution thereof by the said John Johnson, by the oath and examination of R. F.
Green and of Chas. H. Hill, the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being
duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and say
that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purpor-
ing to be the last will and testament of John Johnson, that the said John
Johnson in the presence of the deponents subscribed his name at the end
of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which
bears date on the 9th day of July A. D. 1853.

And the deponents further faith that the said John Johnson the
testator aforesaid died at the time of subscribing his name as
aforesaid declaring the said paper writing to be his last will and testament, and the deponents
thereupon subscribe his name at the end of this will of

attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said
testator, in this deponent further faith that at the said time when the
said testator subscribed his name to the 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 John Johnson 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 the deponents and further
these deponents say not
generally summe and subscribed
this 23rd Decr 1869

R. F. Green

Probate Judge

R. F. Green

Chas. H. Hill

Lenoir County. — In the Probate Court
I Elizabeth Johnson do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to
be and contain the last will and testament of John Johnson deceased
and that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first 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 ex-
ecute the office of an executor equal to the trust and confidence con-
fided in me and according to law to help me by my
former subscribers & by me
Elizabeth Johnson
on the 23rd Decr 1869.

Enrolled in due form of Law this the 23rd May 1870.

R. F. Green

Probate Judge