

Rachel Hering.

Seneca County: In the Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Rachel Herring, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Probate Judge in and for said County, by John D. Haly, of said County and State of North Carolina and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Council S. Hooten that C. Hooten, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, is dead; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of William Fields that Shade Hooten, the other subscribing witness thereto is dead; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said Council S. Hooten that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said C. Hooten, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said C. Hooten, subscribed as a witness to the said will, is in the proper handwriting of the said C. Hooten; and it is also proved by the oath and examination of the said William Fields that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Shade Hooten, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said Shade Hooten, subscribed as a witness to the said Will, is in the handwriting of the said Shade Hooten; and it is also proved by the oath and examination of Joshua Herring that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said testatrix, Rachel Herring, having often seen her write, and that the name of the said Rachel Herring, the testatrix, aforesaid, subscribed at the end of the said paper writing, is in the handwriting of the said Rachel Herring.

It is therefore considered and adjudged,
That the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the
last will and testament of the said Rachel Hoising, and
the same, as such, is ordered to be recorded and filed.
This 1st day of December, 1873.

W. H. A. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

In the name of God, Amen

I Rachel Hearing of the County of Poinc and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory do hereby constitute and ordain this Instrument to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following (viz)

Item I Give and bequeath unto my two daughters Mary
Horsing and Rachel Miller all my land to be divided between
them in the following manner (viz) I devise my daughter Mary

Herring to have all my land on the North side of the run of of ground nut creek including the houses wherein I now live and also one hundred and fifty acres of piney land for timber to be laid off as my son in law Joshua Herring may direct on any part of my land on the South side of ground nut creek and I desire my daughter Rachel Miller to have all the balance of my land it being on the South side of the run of ground nut creek except the one hundred and fifty acres given to Nancy to them their heirs and assigns forever.

I am and I give unto my daughter Nancy Kiering one negro boy Sam Three Mahogany Tables one dozen stool chairs one side Board one China Press one desk two bedsteads to her her heirs and assigns forever

Item 4th I give unto my two daughters Nancy Herring and Rachel Miller all the out and residue of my property including my negroes and in short every thing I possess of every kind and nature whatever to be equally divided between them their heirs and assigns forever

Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my two trusty son in laws Joshua Herring and William Miller Executors to this my last will and testament revoking all other and former wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereoff I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this 29th day of April 1880.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us to be my last
will.

Le. Hooten
Shade Hooten.

Rachel Herring 

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge and Superior Court
Clerk of Lenoir County, in Kingston, N. C., the 15th day of March,
1876.

H. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge & Clerk

C. S. Groom.

State of North Carolina, } Probate Court.
Lincoln County. } Before W. H. S. M.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and testament of C. P. Droom, dec'd, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Mary Ann Reedy, a female therein named, and it is thereupon proved by the oral examination of Rufus Dumble that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said C. P. Droom.

death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit: Jesse Jackson, Allen Groom, and Rufus A. Temple that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said W. S. Groom, having often seen him write and verily believe that the name of the said W. S. Groom subscribed to the said will and the said will itself, and every part thereof, are in the handwriting of the said W. S. Groom. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to be acquaintances of the said W. S. Groom.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said W. S. Groom, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

April 10, 1876.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

I, Charles S. Groom, of the State of North Carolina, Senio County, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say): after paying my funeral expenses, and all just debts. First, I give and bequeath unto my niece Harriet A. Temple, for the love and affection I have for her, my writing desk, and small bureau, and all my books and papers except my school books.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my kind and faithful Nurse Mary Ann Brady, as a token of my appreciation of the many services rendered me by her, all my real estate, consisting of all my houses and lands, also all my personal property consisting, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, Horses, Cows, Hogs, Pigs, and all my other property of any and every kind whatever, after excepting such as has already been disposed of, to have, and to hold and to enjoy the benefit thereof during her natural life, and then the same to go to her children, John C. and James H. Brady, who shall in like manner enjoy the benefits to be derived therefrom, during their natural life, provided they shall drop the name 'Brady' and assume the name 'Groom' instead thereof, and then to their male children, and in case of their decease without male issue, the same to go to my Brother William A. Groom's male heirs.

It is my will and desire that the said Mary Ann Brady, shall take immediately in charge all my property left by me, and shall deliver to my niece Harriet A. Temple such as I have given her. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 22nd day of February A. D. 1875, in the presence of A. H. Smith, and upon whom I call to witness the same.

W. S. Groom, Test.

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge and Superior Court of Senio County, in Winston, N. C., the 11th day of April, 1876.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge & Clerk.

Walter Kennedy.

State of North Carolina, }
Senio County, } In the Probate Court.
Before W. H. Hunter, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the Will of }
Walter Kennedy.

Morgan H. Kennedy, being sworn, deposes and says:

That Walter Kennedy, late of said County, is deceased, having first made and published his last will and testament; and that Morgan H. Kennedy is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Walter Kennedy, consisting of about 1350 acres of land, about 9 head of cattle, about 20 head of hogs, 1 horse, 2 mules, household and kitchen furniture, corn and fodder, farming implements, one buggy and coach, and harness, are worth about \$5000.00 as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Jesse H. Kennedy's three children (John Thomas Kennedy, Weber H. Kennedy and Nettie Eliza Kennedy) James E. Kennedy, Eliza A. Kelly, Harriet B. Kelly, Morgan H. Kennedy, Malissa E. Kennedy and Elizabeth H. Kennedy are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 1876.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina, }
Senio County, } In the Probate Court.
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Kennedy, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned.