

witnesses to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of S. G. Abbott, that the said S. G. Abbott, in the presence of this deponent and the said S. B. Durango, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown him, as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 9th day of June, A. D. 1862.

This deponent further saith that the said S. B. Durango, the other subscribing witness to said last will and testament, is now dead; that he is acquainted with the handwriting of the said S. B. Durango, having seen him write, and that the name of the said S. B. Durango, subscribed as a witness to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said S. B. Durango, who subscribed his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto in the presence of this deponent - and this deponent further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will and testament, as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent and the said S. B. Durango subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said S. G. Abbott 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 saith not.

B. McCullen, *Probate Judge*

Sworn to and subscribed
this 9th day of July, 1876,
before me.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Seneca County, Probate Court,

Having examined on oath B. McCullen as to the execution of a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of S. G. Abbott,

It is adjudged, that the said paper writing, is the last will and testament of the said S. G. Abbott, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

John H. Howard, the Executor therein named, as aforesaid, declined to qualify as such.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

I Samuel G. Abbott of the County of Seneca and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do

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 relatives and friends; and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, however, and to whomsoever owing out of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item 1st.

I give and bequeath unto Samuel Houston Dunn son of Jane Dunn the following property (viz.) My Gold Watch, my gold collar button, my gold sleeve buttons, and gold headed walking cane, to him and his heirs forever. Item 2nd.

I give and bequeath unto Samuel Houston Dunn son of Jane Dunn and unto Idelia Jones daughter of Kiriak Jones, and unto a child that will soon be born of Linneaus Dunn daughter of Jane Dunn, all of my negroes and their increase from the date of this will, and all other property that I may be possessed of at my death, and not disposed of in Item 1st in this will to them and their heirs begotten of their bodies forever; and it is further my will and desire that should either one of the children bequeathed to in this Item of my will die leaving no heirs begotten of their bodies then and in that case, it is my will and desire that the surviving one or ones of the said children bequeathed to in this will shall inherit the said negroes and other property;

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend John H. Howard 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 - hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Samuel G. Abbott do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of June, A. D. 1862.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Samuel G. Abbott 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.

By John H. Howard.
S. B. Durango.

S. G. Abbott, *Testator*

Recorded in the Superior Court Clerk and Probate Judge's office, Seneca County, North Carolina.

Edwin Taylor.

Senio County— In the Probate Court.
In the matter of the will of } Before Mr. W. H. Hunter,
Edwin Taylor. } Judge of Probate.

Edwin Taylor, Jr., being sworn, doth say:

That Edwin Taylor, late of said County, is dead having first made and published his last will and testament; and that Edwin Taylor, Junr. is the executor named therein. Further, that the property of the said Edwin Taylor, consisting of money, land, and some household furniture, is worth about \$1200.00 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Catharine Whaley, John Taylor's lawful children, Edwin Taylor, Junr., James Taylor & Sophrona Smith are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 25th day of Sept., 1876.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Edwin Taylor, Jr.

State of North Carolina.

Senio County. } ss. In the Probate Court.
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Edwin Taylor, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said county, by Edwin Taylor, Junr., the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Edwin Taylor is proved by the oath and examination of James Davis and Mr. Elmore, the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and oath, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Edwin Taylor, that the said Edwin Taylor, in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown him as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 5th day of Sept., 1874.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Edwin Taylor, 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 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 the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Edwin Taylor 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.

James Davis, (Seal)
Mr. Elmore, (Seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed
this 25th day of Sept., 1876, before me
W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Senio County— Probate Court. Sept. 25, 1876.

On reading and considering the application of Edwin Taylor, Junr., to admit a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Edwin Taylor, Sr., dec'd., to probate, and to be qualified as Executor thereof, according to the appointment thereby made, and having examined on oath James Davis and Mr. Elmore, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, as to the execution thereof:

It is adjudged that the said paper writing and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Edwin Taylor, Sr., deceased, and the same, as such, is ordered to be recorded and filed; and, thereupon, the said Edwin Taylor, Junr., the Executor as aforesaid, and takes and subscribes the following oath:

State of North Carolina.

Senio County. } ss. In the Probate Court.

I, Edwin Taylor, Jr., do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Edwin Taylor, Sr., 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 one; 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, as help me God.

Sworn and subscribed before me,
this 25th day of September, 1876.
W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Edwin Taylor, Jr.