

undersigned, Judge of Probate for Lenoir County, that Huldah Kennedy late of said County, is dead, having made her last Will and Testament, which has been admitted to Probate, (a true which is herunto annexed) and Oscar W. Kennedy the Executor named therein, having qualified as such according to law:

Now, there are therefore to empower the said Executor to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights, and credits of the said deceased, and the same to take into possession wherever to be found, and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay and satisfy, and the residue of said estate to distribute according to the directions of said Will.

Witness my hand the seal of said Court this the 6th day of Feb. 1882

Wm. H. Hunter
Probate Judge

Recorded in office of the Superior Court
Clark of Lenoir County July 21st 1883
W. W. Dunn
C. S. C.

Wiley Rouse
Application to
prove Will

Lenoir County... In the Probate Court
In the matter of the Will of } before W. W. Dunn
Wiley Rouse dec'd } Judge of Probate
James Herring being duly sworn, doth say:
That Wiley Rouse, late of said County, is dead, having first
made and published his last will and Testament; and that
James Herring is the executor named therein.
Further, that the property of the said Wiley Rouse dec'd
consisting of personal property is worth about \$500,
so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application;
and that Elizabeth Rouse is the party entitled under said
will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7th day of
May, 1883

W. W. Dunn. } James Herring
Probate Judge

Renunciation
of
James Herring
as Executor

Kinston N. C. May 7th 1883
To the Probate Judge of Lenoir County,
Sir I here by renounce all right and
title to qualify as Executor of the last Will and
testament of Wiley Rouse dec'd
James Herring

Examination
of Witnesses
to Will

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Lenoir County }
A paper purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of Wiley Rouse deceased, is exhibited
before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for
said County by James Herring, the executor
therein mentioned, and the execution thereof
by the said Wiley Rouse by the oath and exami-
nation of N. B. Whitfield and John H. Hunt
the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being
duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each of
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
Wiley Rouse that the said Wiley Rouse 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 5th day
of January 1883. And the Deponent says

Saith, That the said Wiley House the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last Will and Testament, and then deponee 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 deponee 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 deponee's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Wiley House was of sound mind, ^{of full age, to execute a will, and was not under any restraint} and memory of this deponee. And further this deponee do say not.

N. B. Whitfield (Jury)
John H. Blount (Jury)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 7th day of May 1883 before me
W. W. Dunn
Probate Judge

State of North Carolina }
Lenoir County

I Wiley House of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, and as my first wife Phineas A. House and I have given both ^{real} and personal property to all my children, to wit: Thomas A. House, Henrietta Sutton, Barbara E. Smith, Manning B. Darwich, Wiley W. House, Edgar House, Laura Sutton, Abner House & Myrtle Church, I do make & declare this my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following, that is to say:

First: That my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, & pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of any moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate—
Second: I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth House and her heirs and

assign forever, one year provisions worth \$500. one bay Mare with a white face about seven years old one black Cow and yearling one black Sow and 10 Pigs one double barrel Gun one Vest one Plow and all my Farming utensils one Top Suggy and Harness all of which property is now in my possession— together with all my rents and profits of whatever name or nature—
And lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend James Herring my executor 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 all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made—
In witness whereof I the said Wiley House do hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifth day of January A.D. 1883.
(Wiley House Seal)

Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Wiley House to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence did subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

N. B. Whitfield
John H. Blount

Certificates
of Dr. M. W. Parks

I, Dr. M. W. Parks attending physician of Mr. Wiley House, certify that on the 5th day of Jan'y. A.D. 1883 the date of his signing the above instrument was of sound mind and disposing memory.

Dr. M. W. Parks
State of North Carolina } Probate Court
Lenoir County } May 7th 1883

Probate of
Will

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Wiley House, is exhibited before me by James Herring the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Wiley House is proved by the oath and examination of N. B. Whitfield and John H. Blount the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Wiley House, and the same is ordered to be

recorded and filed. And, thereupon, the said James Herring, Executor as aforesaid, files his renunciation of his right to the Executorship to said will. Thereupon Elizabeth Rouse, widow of said Wiley Rouse, files her renunciation to her right to administer upon the estate of said deceased, whereupon Lewis Grady files an application for letters of administration with the will annexed upon the estate of said deceased. Bond given in the sum of \$2000. or, with W. F. Stanley and C. F. Cox, surties. administrator qualifies according to law. Matters of administration with the will annexed, with copy of said will issued.

W. W. Dunn, Probate Judge

Winston N.C.
May 18th 1883

Mr. W. W. Dunn:

Sir:

Remuneration
of
Elizabeth Rouse

As Mr. James Herring has refused to qualify as executor of my husband Wiley Rouse's last will and testament, and has refiled the same, and therefore, the widow of the said Wiley Rouse, died, having the prior right to qualify as administrator with the will annexed, hereby relinquish my right to administer in favor of Mr. Lewis Grady my brother and respectfully ask that you appoint him, Lewis Grady, administrator with the will annexed of Wiley Rouse dead, in my stead.

Attest: A. J. Laffin Elizabeth Rouse
Proved before me by the oath of A. J. Laffin that Elizabeth Rouse signed the foregoing paper writing in his presence
This May 18th 1883.

W. W. Dunn,
C. D. C.

Lewis County On the Probate Court
Application In the matter of the will of Wiley Rouse
of last Will and Testament }
Lewis Grady of Wiley Rouse died }
as }
Administrator }
W. W. Dunn
Probate Judge

Lewis Grady, being sworn, doth say:
That Wiley Rouse, late of said County, is dead, leaving a Will Testament, and that James Herring was left executor thereof, but has renounced and therefore Elizabeth Rouse is the proper person entitled to Letters of Administration on the estate of the said Wiley Rouse, but renounces in favor of Lewis Grady this applicant.

Further, that the value of said estate so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application is about \$1000 and that Elizabeth Rouse is the only person entitled under said will

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 18 day of May 1883 }
W. W. Dunn }
Probate Judge }
Lewis Grady

State of North Carolina } On the Probate Court
Lewis County }
Oath }
of }
Administrator }
I, Lewis Grady, do solemnly swear that I believe that Wiley Rouse died leaving a last Will and Testament; and that I will well and truly administer and render singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said Wiley Rouse and a true and perfect inventory thereof, return as provided by law; and that all other duties appertaining to the charge reposed in me, I will faithfully and honestly perform with the best of my skill and ability. So help me God.
Lewis Grady

Sworn and subscribed
before me May 18th 1883 }
W. W. Dunn }
Probate Judge }

recorded and filed. And thereupon the said James Herring, Executor as aforesaid files his renunciation of his right to the Executorship to said will. Thereupon Elizabeth Rouse, widow of said Wiley Rouse files her renunciation to her right to administer upon the estate of said deceased, whereupon Lewis Grady files an application for letters of administration with the will annexed upon the estate of said deceased. Bond given in the sum of \$2000.00 with W. F. Stanley and C. F. Cox, sureties, administrator qualifies according to law & letters of administration with the will annexed, with copy of said will issued.

W. W. Dunn, Probate Judge

Winston N.C.
May 18th 1853

Mr. W. W. Dunn:

Sir,

Remuneration
of
Elizabeth Rouse

As Mr. James Herring has requested to qualify as executor of my husband Wiley Rouse's last will and testament, and has refiled the same, & therefore, the widow of the said Wiley Rouse, died, having the prior right to qualify as administrator with the will annexed hereby relinquish my right to administer in favor of Mr. Lewis Grady my brother and respectfully ask that you appoint him, Lewis Grady, administrator with the will annexed of Wiley Rouse dead, in my stead.

Attest: A. J. Loftin Elizabeth Rouse

Proved before me by the oath of A. J. Loftin that Elizabeth Rouse signed the foregoing paper writing in his presence
This May 18th 1853

W. W. Dunn,
Clerk.

Lenoir County On the Probate Court
Application On the matter of the will of Wiley Rouse
of last Will and Testament } Before
Lewis Grady of Wiley Rouse died } W. W. Dunn
as } Probate Judge
Administrator

Lewis Grady, being sworn, doth say:
That Wiley Rouse, late of said County is dead, leaving a Will & Testament, and that James Herring was left executor thereof, but has renounced and therefore Elizabeth Rouse is the proper person entitled to Letters of Administration on the estate of the said Wiley Rouse, but swears in favor of Lewis Grady this applicant.

Further, that the value of said estate so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application is about \$1000 and that Elizabeth Rouse is the only person entitled under said will

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 18 day of May 1853 } Lewis Grady
W. W. Dunn }
Probate Judge

State of North Carolina } On the Probate Court
Lenoir County }
Oath of Administrator }
Lewis Grady do solemnly swear that I believe that Wiley Rouse died leaving a last Will and Testament; and that I will well and truly administer according singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said Wiley Rouse and a true and perfect inventory thereof return as provided by law; and that all other duties appertaining to the charge reposed in me, I will faithfully and honestly perform with the best of my skills and ability. So help me God.
Lewis Grady

Sworn and subscribed
before me May 18th 1853 }
W. W. Dunn }
Probate Judge

Letters

Administration

State of North Carolina } Probate Court.

Lenoir County }

To all whom these Presents shall come - Greeting:
 It being satisfactorily proven to the undersigned,
 Judge of Probate for Lenoir County, that Wiley
 Rouse late of said County, is dead, having made and
 published a last Will and Testament, it appear-
 ing that Lewis Brady is entitled to the adminis-
 tration of estate of said deceased, and having
 qualified as administrator according to law.

Now They are therefore to empower the said adminis-
 trator, to enter in and lawfully take into possession,
 wherever to be found, and all the just debts
 of the said deceased to pay and satisfy, and the
 residue of said estate to distribute according to law.
 Witness, my hand, and the seal of said Court,
 this 18th day of May 1883

W. W. Dunn Probate Judge.

North Carolina } Probate Court
 Lenoir County } July 20th 1883

On the matter

of the
Will and TestamentDissent of the
widow from
the Will.of
Wiley Rouse, decd.

Elizabeth Rouse, widow of Wiley Rouse,
 decd. in her own proper person comes into
 Court, and shows to the Court that Wiley
 Rouse late of the County of Lenoir died in said
 County some time during the month of
 April 1883 having a last Will and testament
 that the said Will was admitted to probate
 in this Court on or about
 the 7th day of May 1883.

And the said Elizabeth Rouse now being
 of the age of fifty two years and of sound
 mind now comes into this Court and
 asks to dissent from the said last will and
 testament and so doth dissent from the said
 last will and testament of her said husband.

Widow's
 dissent
 from
 Will

the said Wiley Rouse, decd, and asks to be allowed
 her legal right and interest in the real and
 personal estate of the said Wiley Rouse, decd,
 as if he, the said Wiley Rouse, had died intestate.

July 20th 1883.

Witness:

Elizabeth Rouse

W. W. Dunn

Probate Judge.

Recorded in the office of the Superior Court Clerk
 of Lenoir County, July 24th 1883

W. W. Dunn, C. S. C.

Anna B. Hardee.

Application by

John A. Pollock

for

Letters Testamentary

Lenoir County in the Probate Court
 in the matter of the will of } Before W. W. Dunn
 Anna B. Hardee, decd. } Judge of Probate
 Dr. John A. Pollock being duly sworn, doth say:
 that Anna B. Hardee late of said County, is dead,
 having first made and published her last will and
 testament; and that Dr. John A. Pollock is the
 executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Anna
 B. Hardee consisting of Real and personal estate is
 worth about \$8000 so far as can be ascertained at
 the date of this application; and that Mrs Mary
 Emily Kennedy, Miss Agnes Parrott Pollock, Miss
 Susan Elizabeth Hardee, Miss William Perry
 Sutton, Miss Amelia Hardee, Miss Robert A
 Hardee, Miss Maggie Pollock Miss Emily
 Pollock, Holland Cobb and Jane Cobb are the
 parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before
 me, this 17th day of July, 1883.

W. W. Dunn
 Probate Judge

John A. Pollock.