

In the name of God, amen. Know all men by these presents, that I, Surney G. Dupree, of the county of Senoir and state of North Carolina, being now of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, to-wit:

First that my executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relation and friends and pay all funeral expenses out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Surney Dupree the house and land that he now lives the lines to commence at the ditch bridge near the gate, and running with the ditch North to the James Daughety's lines then with the old line to the path near Nathan Daughety's house, then with the path to the beginning.

Item. I give to my daughter Eva A. Jackson my bed and bed clothing.

Item. I give to my sons Jesse S. Dupree and James E. Dupree fifty dollars each to ballance against horses that I have heretofore given my other sons.

Item. my executor shall sell all of my lands together with all other property not heretofore provided for, the lands shall be divided into two lots commencing at the river and running by the grave yard and running the old road out to the Neuse Road at Nathan Daughety's and shall be sold on five years time to be paid by five installments with six per cent interest. The proceeds of my lands and other property not heretofore disposed of, shall be equally divided between my sons and daughters, namely, Wiley Dupree, Jesse S. Dupree, Evaline Jones, James E. Dupree, Eva A. Jackson, William C. Dupree, Litcha Dupree and Elizabeth Dupree.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint Jesse S. Dupree 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 clauses thereof saving and all other wills and testaments, by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Surney G. Dupree do hereunto set my hand and seal this the twentieth day of March, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

J. G. Dupree (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said Surney

G. Dupree 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.

David E. Curtis.

Elijah Taylot.

Recorded in the office of the Superior Court Clerk and Probate Judge of Senoir County, North Carolina, the 19th day of September, 1877.

W. H. Hunter
Clerk & Judge.

J. H. Coward.

Senoir County In the Probate Court.
In the matter of the will of Before W. H. Hunter
J. H. Coward Judge of Probate.

William Coward being sworn, doth say:

That J. H. Coward, late of said County, is dead, having first made his last Will and Testament; and that William Coward is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said J. H. Coward consisting of Household and Kitchen furniture, stock, provisions & chores in action is worth about \$500. so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that E. P. Coward, Sallie Grainger wife of J. H. Grainger, Pella Hazelton wife of E. Hazelton, Relia Harper wife of H. Harper and Elizabeth Coward adults & John H. Coward and Nannie Coward minors and without guardian, are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of April, 1878.

W. H. Hunter
Probate Judge.

J. H. Coward

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court.
Senoir County }

A paper without any subscribing witnesses thereto purporting to be the last Will and Testament of J. H. Coward

deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, and by the oath and examination of Alexander Nicol Robt B. McCotter and Nick Hunter, who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is acquainted with the handwriting of the said J. H. Howard deceased and that the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of the said J. H. Howard and that he believes said paper writing is and every part thereof is in the hand writing of the said J. H. Howard and bears date of the 31st day of December 1867 and on the oath and examination of Fannie L. Grainger who being duly sworn doth depose and say that said paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the said J. H. Howard was delivered by him to her, Fannie L. Grainger on about the 1st day of January 1868 for safe keeping.

Alexander Nicol (Seal)
 Robt. B. McCotter (Seal)
 Nick Hunter (Seal)
 Fannie L. Grainger (Seal)

I do this day, declare this to be my last will & testament as follows, first that Mr Howard (my brother) of Greene County shall be my Executor.

Item 1st Expose to public sale all of my property, for cash, out of the sales pay to my wife five hundred dollars (\$500) which amt. is in our marriage contract, and the balance to my honest debts, and

Item 2d if any left use it for my children.

I give my little children to Mr Howard (my Brother) to dispose of them as he thinks proper.

December 31st 1867

I declare the above to be my last will & testament
 John H. Howard.

Senoir County: Probate Court

Having examined on oath Alexander Nicol, Robt. B. McCotter and Nick Hunter, as to the handwriting of John H. Howard, and Fannie L. Grainger as to the delivery of said paper writing to her, by said John H. Howard, for safe keeping;

It is adjudged that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said John H. Howard, and it

is ordered to be recorded and filed.

W. H. Hunter
 Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina }
 Lenoir County }
 In the matter of the will }
 of J. H. Howard }

To the Judge of Probate
 I hereby renounce all my right and decline to accept or qualify as executor to the will of John H. Howard decd.
 April 15th, 1878.

Mr Howard

State of North Carolina }
 Lenoir County }
 In the matter of the } Decent from the Will by the
 will of J. H. Howard } Widow Elizabeth Howard.

To W. H. Hunter Judge of Probate
 Having learned that the last Will and Testament of my late husband, J. H. Howard deceased has been offered for and the same probated according to law, I hereby dissent from said Will as far as the provisions therein are made for me - May 2nd, 1878.

Elizabeth Howard

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge and Clerk of the Superior Court of Lenoir County, in Kingston, N. C., the 2nd day of May, 1878.

W. H. Hunter
 Probate Judge
 & Clerk