

William Franklin
Loftin.

Will.

North Carolina } Probate Court
Lenoir County } Before W. W. N. Hunter,
Judge of Probate.

In the matter of
W. F. Loftin, dec'd., } Application for letters of
To } Administration with the
The Court. } Will annexed.

Josephine E. Loftin being duly sworn says:
That W. F. Loftin late of said County of Lenoir is dead
died Feby. 7th 1882, leaving a last will and testament
in which E. F. Gilbert and Roan Slater Executors
thereof. That Roan Slater is dead.
That E. F. Gilbert, the surviving Executor has renounced
in the favor of this affiant.
That this affiant is the widow of W. F. Loftin, deceased
and entitled to administration.
That the value of the personal estate of the said W. F.
Loftin is about \$1400.
That this affiant is the sole legatee devised in the
said will. That she resides in Lenoir County, N.C.
That the personal property consists of household and
kitchen furniture, farming implements, stock &c.
Sworn to and subscribed }
before me this 10, April 1882. } Josephine E. Loftin.
W. W. N. Hunter, Probate Judge

Lenoir County: In the Probate Court.
In the matter of the will
of W. F. Loftin } Before W. W. N. Hunter, Judge of Probate
A paper writing, purporting to be the last will and
testament of W. F. Loftin, dec'd., is exhibited for probate
in open Court by E. F. Gilbert, one of the Executors therein
named, and it is thereupon proved by the oath & examination
of E. F. Cox and John C. Hooten that William White, J. B.
Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor, the subscribing witnesses,
thinks are now dead, and it is also proved by the oath
and examination of E. F. Cox, that he is well acquainted
with the hand writing of the said William White, J. B.
Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor, having often seen them
write, and that the names of said William White, Joseph
B. Taylor and J. B. Jackson subscribed as witnesses
to said will is in the hand writing of said William White

J. B. Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor. And it is
further proved upon the oath John C. Hooten that
he is well acquainted with the hand writing
of the said W. F. Loftin, the said testator, having
seen him write, and that the name of the said W. F.
Loftin is in the hand writing of the said W. F. Loftin.
And it is also proved upon oath and examination
of Josephine E. Loftin. That the said will was sent
to her by letter, from Wm F. Loftin, the said testator,
her husband, from the State of Virginia, there-
upon depositing the same with her, and that
she has had the custody of the said will
ever since. It is therefore considered by the
Court that the said paper writing and
every part thereof is the last will and tes-
tament of the said Wm F. Loftin, the same
is ordered to be recorded and filed
Sworn to and Subscribed }
before me this 10, April } E. F. Cox
1882. W. W. N. Hunter } John C. Hooten, Jr.
Probate Judge. } Josephine E. Loftin.

In the name of God Amen. I William Franklin
Loftin of the County of Lenoir and State of
North Carolina, and at the time of this writing a
member of Captain William White's company of
Cavalry, 63rd regiment, N.C. Troops, in the Service
of the Confederate States, being of sound mind
and memory, and considering the uncertainty of
this frail and transitory life, and which is more
precarious by the perils, exposures and vicissitudes
of war, do therefore make, ordain, publish & declare
this to be my last Will and testament: - that is
to say, First and lastly, after the expenses of my
funeral and interment, should the same be discharged
unto me through the mercy of that beneficent Creator,
in whom I put my trust, and after all my lawful
debts shall have been paid and discharged, the
residue of my estate, real and personal in possession,
remainder, reversion and expectancy, intended to
include every species of property capable of owner-
ship: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife

Josephine Elizabeth, her heirs and assigns, to her and their own proper use and behoof, in fee simple absolutely forever. Likewise, I make constitute and appoint my good and trust-worthy friends Eugene F. Gilbert and Rowan Slater to be Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 26th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty three.

William F. Loftin (Seal)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said, F. Loftin, in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us; and at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be subscribed to be his last will and testament; and we, at the testator's request and in his presence, have signed our names as witnesses hereto, and have written opposite our names our respective places of residence; William White, Lenoir County, N.C.
 F. F. Jackson, Lenoir County, N.C.
 Joseph B. Taylor, Lenoir County, N.C.

North Carolina }
 Lenoir County } In the Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of W. F. Loftin, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for the County of Lenoir, in the State of North Carolina, by E. F. Gilbert, one of the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said W. F. Loftin, dec'd. by the oath and examination of E. F. Cox, John C. Hooten and Josephine E. Loftin, who being duly sworn doth say each for himself viz: E. F. Cox and John C. Hooten say: that William White, F. F. Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor, the subscribing witnesses to the said will and testament are now dead; that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said William White, F. F. Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor having often seen them write, and that the names of said William White, F. F. Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor, subscribed

as witnesses to said will and testament is in the hand writing of the said William White. F. F. Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor: And it is further proved by the oath of John C. Hooten, who saith that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said W. F. Loftin, the said testator, having seen him write and that the name of said W. F. Loftin is in the proper hand writing of the said W. F. Loftin; and it is also proved by the oath of Josephine E. Loftin, who deposes and says, that the said will was sent to her, by letter, from W. F. Loftin, the said testator, her husband, from the State of Virginia, thereupon depositing the same with her, and that she has had the custody of the said will ever since. And further the deponents say not.

Severally sworn to and
 subscribed before me
 this 10th day of April, 1882

State of North Carolina, }
 Lenoir County, } Probate Court, April 10, 1882.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William F. Loftin, deceased, is exhibited in open Court by E. F. Gilbert, one of the Executors therein named, (it appears to the Court by the affidavit of the said E. F. Gilbert that Rowan Slater the other Executor therein named, is dead.) And it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of John C. Hooten, Sr., and E. F. Cox, that William White, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead; it is also proved by the oath and examination of John C. Hooten and E. F. Cox, that F. F. Jackson, also a subscribing witness thereto, is dead; and it is also proved by the oath and examination of John C. Hooten and E. F. Cox, that Joseph B. Taylor, the only other subscribing witness, is also dead: And it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said John C. Hooten, Sr., and E. F. Cox that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said William White, F. F. Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor, and that the names of the said William White, F. F. Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor, (having often seen them write) subscribed as witnesses to said will, are in the hand writing of the said William White, F. F. Jackson and Joseph B. Taylor. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the

last will and testament of the said William P. Loftin, deceased and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, therefore the said E. P. Gilbert, the surviving Executor named in the said last will and testament of the said W. P. Loftin, dec'd. And thereupon, Josephine E. Loftin comes into Court, and applies for letters of administration, with the will annexed of the said W. P. Loftin, deceased, which are granted to her, upon her entering into bond in the sum of Twenty Eight hundred dollars - Bond with John W. Wootten, Jr. and E. P. Cox, as sureties, given and approved. Letters issued,
W. H. Hunter,
 Probate Judge.

Recorded in the Office of the Superior Court Clerk and Probate Judge of Lenoir County, July 29, 1862.
W. H. Hunter,
 Clerk & Judge.

Curtis Smith.
 Will.

State of North Carolina }
 Lenoir County } In the Probate Court.
 A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Curtis Smith, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County by William Smith and Jacky Smith, and the due execution thereof by the said Curtis Smith is proved by the oath and examination of David C. Smith and J. W. Hardy the subscribing witnesses thereto. Who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Curtis Smith, dec'd; that the said Curtis Smith 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 day of 18, and the deponent further saith that the said Curtis Smith, the testator as 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 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 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 Curtis Smith 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.
 David C. Smith.
 J. W. Hardy.

This my Will.
 Knowing that I am in my rite mind, I first will my soul to the Lord, my body to the earth. I then will to William Smith, the oldest son, a part of my lands known as the Mary Taylor land, Beginning at the Bay Corner, then running with Major Sander son's line to Dr. Hyatt's line, then with his line to Henry Goodman's line, then with his line to Mary Taylor's line, then a strate line to the mare ditch, then with the mare ditch to the beginning Bay corner. To have and to hold as his own. I then will to Jacky Smith, the second son, my horse, mare or mule, as the case may be, all other stock, farming utensils, and all the lands belonging to me except the above mentioned land, with the understanding that my widow has a home on the place during her single life. Also my three daughters, Bessy, Nancy and Mary have a home on the place during their single life. I will that Jacky has this property to hold as his own.
 Witness - David C. Smith } Curtis ^{his} Smith
 J. W. Hardy. }

North Carolina, }
 Lenoir County } Probate Court.
 The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Curtis Smith, dec'd is exhibited before me by William Smith