

Wm. H. Hunted,
Probate Judge.

Whereupon, letters testamentary are issued to said Wm. H. Hunted and J. F. Skinner, as Executors of the said last will and testament.

Wm. H. Hunted,
Probate Judge.

I Wilson Tilghman of Senois County state of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but 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 executors hereinafter named shall provide my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my family and pay funeral expenses and all my just debts out of any money that shall come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 1

I loan to the use of my beloved wife Jane Tilghman one half of the tract of land on which I now reside to include the upper end of the tract together with my residence and other building, one half of my household and kitchen furniture, two acres and figs, two cows and calves, one horse (her choice), one buggy and harness, one cart and other farming tools sufficient to carry on and cultivate a one acre farm, to have and to hold the foregoing to her the said Jane Tilghman during her natural life or widowhood and no longer. I also give to my wife Jane provisions sufficient for one year comfortable support to be selected and laid off to her by my executors.

Item 2

I give and devise to my son Charles M. Tilghman the tract of land on which I now reside to extend to and include all the land covered by the waters of my mill pond at high water mark subject however to the life estate of that part of the tract loaned to my wife in the preceding item, excepting about four acres of land to include the home which Peter Tyler built which four acres together with the privilege of getting firewood rail timber off the surrounding tract I give and devise to him Moore during her natural life and after her death then to

to my son I also give and devise and bequeath to my son Charles M. Tilghman my mill mill seat all the fixtures such as rocks bolts saws log carriage and every kind of fixture blonging to the mill also one acre of land at the west end of the dam for the purpose of getting earth to mend and keep up the dam, to have and to hold the foregoing devices to him the said Charles M. Tilghman during his natural life and at his death to be equally divided among his children, but if the said Charles M. Tilghman should die without leaving issue him surviving then in that event the same to go to and vest in my daughter Lillian wife of Joshua Skinner she to hold the same in the same manner as the land devised to her in the following item.

I also give and bequeath to my son Charles M. Tilghman one corral mare named one gray mule, my house hold and kitchen furniture all my farming tool subject however to the life estate in that part heretofore bequeath to my wife Jane Tilghman also my blacksmith tools, my acin and acin beach on Neuge River.

Item 3.

I give and devise to my daughter Lillian Skinner wife of Joshua Skinner all the land I own and possess on the west side of my mill (except what has been devise to my son Charles M.) and what is hereafter in the succeeding items devised to Thomas Moore and Alexander Grant supposed to be about one hundred and ninety acres to have and to hold the same during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided among her children, but if the said Lillian Skinner shall die without leaving issue her surviving then in that event the same to go to and vest in my son Charles M. in the same manner and upon the same conditions as the devise hereinbefore made to him.

Item 4.

I give devise and bequeath to my illegitimate son Thomas Moore by Ann Moore the following land situated on the west side of my mill and adjoining the land given in the preceding item to my daughter, Lillian Skinner, Beginning at a pine in pine pond, mine and Joseph Philo's corner runs with our line to the new road then with the new road to Henry Moore's line then with said Moore's line to Wiley Dupree's line, then with my line to the mill. I also give and devise to the said Thomas Moore that tract of land I sold to Henry Moore.

hundred and four acres and on which I now hold a mortgage to secure the payment of the purchase money for the same, if it shall ever come into my possession absolutely by foreclosure or otherwise.

If said land should not come and vest in me then I give and bequeath to the said Thomas Moore whatever amount of money may be collected or realized out of four notes I hold against the said Henry Moore given for said land the principal of of said notes amounts I think to about \$840. to have and to hold the same during his natural life and after his death to be equally divided between his children, but should he die without leaving issue him surviving then then the said devise and bequest to go to and vest in the said Lillian Skinner to be held by her in the same manner as the devise hereinbefore made to her.

Item 5. I give and devise to Alexander Grant son of Polly Grant Ten acres of land adjoining the land sold Henry Moore and on the Briery Branch as as to include the dunghill where William Clark once lived to have and hold during his natural life and after his death then I give and devise the same to the said Lillian Skinner to be held as the devise hereinbefore made to her.

Item 6. I give to my son Charles M. Tilghman the right take and use timber off any and all the lands devised to Lillian Skinner and Thomas Moore to repair and keep up the mill.

Item 7 I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly, black the sum of five dollars.

Item 8 I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Rosa Tilghman the sum of five dollars.

Item 9 It is my will and desire that the rest and residue of my property after taking out the devise and bequest hereinbefore made be sold and the debts owing me be collected and after paying my debts and cost and charges of the settlement of estate what then remains to be given to my son Thomas Moore by Ann Moore.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son Charles M. Tilghman and my son in law Joshua Skinner my lawful executors to execute this my last will

and testament according to the true and intent and meaning of every part and clause thereof, and I do hereby revoke and declare utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I Wilson Tilghman do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 4th day of December A D 1877

Wilson Tilghman (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Wilson Tilghman to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence sign our names as witnesses.

J. D. Jackson
J. H. Hardy

Recorded in the office of the Probate Judge and Superior Court Clerk of Lenoir County, March 11, 1880.

W. H. Hunted
Probate Judge.

Kendham Moore.

Will.

State of North Carolina,
Lenoir County.

Probate Court.
May 15th, 1880.

In the matter of
Kendham Moore, dec'd.

Kendham J. Moore being duly sworn, doth say: That Kendham Moore, late of said county, is dead, having made and published his last will and testament dated Dec. 15th, 1877, and that he appointed Kendham J. Moore and James J. Moore his executors thereby. That the said James J. Moore refuses to qualify and has filed his written renunciation to that effect, and that the said Kendham J. Moore desires to qualify as executor of said last will and testament. Further, that the value of said personal estate as far as can be ascertained at the date of the