

State of South Carolina
 Martin County Court April Term 1853
 Now are the within papers reading purporting to be the last will and testament of John Phipps exhibited in open Court and the due mention thereof made according to law by the oath of Geo. Phipps one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion it is ordered by the Court that the same be recorded at the same time exhibited Hester and Wm. P. Brown the executors named in said will appeared in Court and requested that right be granted to qualify as executors thereof and thereupon I do hereby certify that Geo. Phipps ^{is appointed} administrator with the will annexed of the last John Phipps (that upon entering into bond in the sum of \$1000 with Joseph Phipps and Archibald Hester his sureties bond given and sworn qualified according to law)
 J. Johnson Clerk

I Robert Simpson of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say
 1st That my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body & decent burial Interment in burials of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses in connection with my last debt however and whomsoever owing out of the first money that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate
 2nd I give and devise to my son William Simpson Fifty Acres of Land to be laid off out of the tract of land which I now own and on which I now reside to be laid off on the part of said tract of land from that part which adjoins the lands of Chas. Moore & Wm. Warrens here
 3rd I give and devise to my three daughters Amasa Luccinda Nancy the balance of the tract of land whereas I now reside to be equally divided among them after deducting the Fifty Acres devised to my son William as aforesaid

1st I give and devise to my daughter Amasa Luccinda each one fourth of the balance and it is my wish and desire that the balance of my property Chattel property Slaves be sold by my Executors and after paying all just debts and all other expenses the balance be equally divided between my three daughters Amasa Luccinda & Nancy
 (And lastly) I hereby do constitute and appoint my friend George W. Ward 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 reciting and declaring fully void all other wills and testaments heretofore made by me in respect whereof I remaine at my hand and seal this 24th day of January A.D. 1853

Signed Sealed published declared by the said Robert Simpson
 to his last will testament in the presence of us
 who at his request and in his presence
 do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
 (Sally Brown) x Deborah Simpson
 James J. Brown m. h.

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 Now are the foregoing papers reading purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Simpson exhibited in open Court and the due mention thereof made according to law by the oath of Sally Brown one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and it is ordered by the Court that the same be recorded whereupon Geo. W. Ward the Executor named appeared in open Court and qualified according to Law
 J. Johnson Clerk