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open court by John Howell one of the Esccitor witness named and the due execution thereof by the said Justice Horne is proved by the oath and Examination of Thomas Jones one of the subscribing witness thereto. It is therefore concluded by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Little Horne and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed and thereupon the said John Howell Esccitor or hiswits duly quippe as such by taking the oath required by Law.

S. Johnson Clerk C.C.

Martin County State of West Carolina. From all men of these present & of Edward Griffin of the aforesaid State and County on the 15 day of October A.D. One thousand Eight Hundred and forty three
I make and ordain this my last will and Testament this that I do give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary P. [P. is for Mrs.] One hundred and Sixty acres of Land & then I give her also in the said county of Martin one horse Brindle & saddle, One Bedstead and Tester, Bed including Bed Cloth & also one cow & Calf (which she may prefer out of my stock) also two Stocks of Hens. ten head of hogs, the property of Sheep etc one Ram. all my farming utensils & working tools & lithumines see the residue of my stock (excepting one cow left) which I do give and bequeath unto Mary Bruce.

The above mentioned article, goods & chattels is to remain in the possession of my beloved wife during her widowhood after the decease of my beloved wife the above mentioned property to be bequeathed to Eli B. Bruce also I do give and bequeath unto the said Mary Bruce, one feather Bed & furniture also one large blue Chest one modern wheel. Also one Room. the residue of my house hold and Kitchen furniture and all other articles that is not specified written in this my last will and Testament I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife during her lifetime whatsoever or at her decease to be transferred to the said Eli B. Bruce. This Will being signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned this eighteenth day of October A.D. One thousand Eight hundred & forty three

Eli B. Bruce
and Louis Gardiner

Edwin X. Griffin
mark

North Carolina } County of Mecklenburg Superior
Martin County } Court of Probate and Testimony
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The foregoing and witness paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Edwin Griffin Esq. is exhibited for probate in open Court by Eli B. Bruce and the due execution thereof by the said Edwin Johnson one of the subscribing witness thereto. It is therefore concluded by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Edwin Griffin Esq. and the same is ordered to be recorded & file.

S. Johnson Clerk

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State of North Carolina

Martin County } In the name of God amen. I Edward
Gardiner of the State and County aforesaid being independent but
of sound mind and memory do this the 20th day of October 1857
make this my last will and testament and do hereby record my
will to God who gave it it is my will and desire that all my
just debts be first paid
Then I give to my Sister Nancy Gardner one acre of land
all my Home hole and Kitchen furniture of all descriptions
and half of the land I do design and purposed of during my Natural
life then to my Son Edward Gardner if he if not to his Son David Gardner
to her or him and their heirs forever
Now I do in and by witness to my Sister Anna Gardner one hundred
and one half of all the land I may die seized and payed off
to her in fee simple forever
Now I give to my stepson Dan'l Gardner my black and white
shear and all my copper tools
I hereby constitute and appoint Dan'l S. Shepherd my Escocitor
of this my last will and Testament in writing of the said Edward Gardiner
hereunto set my hand & seal.

Witness
James Gardiner
Louis Gardiner

Edward X. Gardiner Esq.
mark

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The foregoing & witness paper writing purporting to be the last will and
Testament of Edwin Gardner Esq. is exhibited in open Court by
G. J. Shepherd the Esccitor witness named and the due execution thereof
by the said Edwin Gardner Esq. is proved by the oath and Examination
of James Gardiner & Louis Gardiner the two Subscribing witnesses
thereupon concluded by the court that the said paper writing and
every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Edwin
Gardner Esq. and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed

S. Johnson Clerk