

John R. Harrell's Will

In the name of God Amen; I John Harrell being in sound mind and memory, thank be to God, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, Viz. I give to my Brother Luke Harrell all of my right, title and interest in and to the following Negroes, Marinda, Lucinda, Oliver, Solomon, Silas, Weller, together with all my right, title and interest in and to all the perishable property, that I now hold, and possessed of, of every description—Should my Brother Luke Harrell die, without leaving any lawful issue or lawful begotten child, then I give all my property as above described of every description to be equally divided between my three Sisters, Frances Harrell, Emily Harrell and Temperance Harrell.

I do hereby constitute and appoint Wm R Williams Executor of this my last Will and Testament—
Given under my hand & seal this 14th Nov 1855
John R Harrell (Seal)

Witness

Martha Ann Skiles' Will

I, Martha Ann Skiles, 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 my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say—

- First, That my Executor (Whomever named) shall provide for my body a decent burial in a Walnut Coffin lined with plain blacked homespun of to be had, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, howsoever & to whomsoever coming, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate.
- 2^d I give and bequeath to my Brother Starky Skiles, my negro man Dolly to him and his heirs forever.
- 3^d I give and bequeath to my Brother Thomas R Skiles, all my Note, and money after paying my debts, also my Bed and furniture consisting of bedstead, bed and Matrap, 2 chairs, two Pillows, two Shirts, eight bed quilts, one Comfort, two Counterpane, one Rose Blanket, two pair Pillows Skies, one Spread, one set bed Curtains and foot Valance also three trunks, and one chest to him and his heirs forever.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Bryant Bennett my lawful Executor to this my last Will and Testament which he shall execute according to the true intent and meaning of

Martha Ann Skiles' Will Continued

same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said Martha Ann Skiles, do hereunto, set my hand and seal the fifth day of May A.D. 1863

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Martha Ann Skiles to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Wm R. Harmon

Jesse A. B. Cooper

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Martin County, P.O. Term 1863

Then was the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha A Skiles, do produced in open Court and the due execution thereof by the said Martha A Skiles, proved by the oath and examination of Jesse A B Cooper one of the subscribing witnesses thereto—Whereupon it is considered by the Court, that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said decedent, sufficient to pass both real & personal property.

Ordained that the said Will with the probate be recorded—whereupon Bryant Bennett comes into open Court and duly qualifies as executor by taking the oath prescribed by law—
Wm H. Harrell Clerk

Wm R. Harmon's Will

In the name of God Amen, I William Harmon, being in sound mind and memory, thank be to God do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, Viz. I give to my wife Henrietta all my Household & Kitchen Furniture, our cows & pigs, all my sheep, four Milch Cows & calves, her choice of three of my Horses or Mules, Stock & Hens, such plantation tools as she may want to live, one Bag of stock, one Cow grass for vision for herself and family, all of my Poultry, one set of Black Smith tools, one hundred dollars in Money, and an equal share of my Negroes, with my children—

- 2^d It is my Will & desire that my wife should give to each one of my children when they become of Age, Real Estate & Furniture—
Then the balance of my property of every description I give to my children Henry, William Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Harmon, William Harmon, John Harmon, Harmon, Sarah Ellis Harmon, Harmon, Man or Harmon and Elizabeth Sobay Harmon to be equally divided between them the following manner, as each one becomes of Age, he or she is to draw out his portion and so to continue to draw out their portion as they become of age until they give out all receives her 4th I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Henrietta Harmon Executor to this my last Will & Testament—
Given under my hand and seal this 24th June A.D. 1863

Witness

Thos Jones,

Nancy Harrell

A. P. Harmon

an deposed on my Will July 1, 1864

Jesse A. B. Cooper

I do make and declare this as a Codicil of this my last Will and Testament of events to my wife Henrietta Harmon one my own child during her Natural life and after her death to go to my children equally as my other property—
Given under my hand and seal this 24th June A.D. 1863
Wm R. Harmon (Seal)

Probate of Mrs J Hymans will

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions,
Martin County, October Term 1863 -

Then was the due execution of the foregoing last will and testament of Mrs J Hymans deceased, proved in open Court by the attestation of Thomas Hines, A P Hymans and George W Hymans, all subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, Mrs Henrietta Hymans the executrix therein named was qualified as executrix thereof and took the prescribed Oath. *Wm H Harrell Clerk*

Henry B Smithwick's Will

State of North Carolina, I Henry B Smithwick of said State and Martin County, County, being of Sound Mind & Memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following - viz, that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and pay all such expenses, together with my just debts. I then bequeathed unto my sister Louisa Harrell all I possess of every thing & kind during her life or widowhood, after either of which events taking place I give unto my Nieces, Mary Elizabeth Harrell, Ann Harrell and my Nephews, Robert Harrell & Thomas Harrell, the whole of my estate of every kind and Nature to be shared equally between the four Nieces & Nephews before said, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my Nephew Wm H Harrell my lawful executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will & testament, according to the true intent & meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby, revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said Henry B Smithwick do hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of Oct. 1858

In presence of
D. W. Bagley
A C Williams

H B Smithwick Seal

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions,
Martin County, October Term 1863

Then was, the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry B Smithwick deceased, produced in open Court and the due execution thereof by said H B Smithwick duly proved by the Oath and examination of A C Williams a subscribing witness thereto; whereupon it is considered by the Court that said paper writing and every part thereof is the & testament of said H B Smithwick sufficient in law to pass both real & personal property - Ordered by the Court that said will together with this probate be recorded; and Wm H Harrell the executor therein named comes into open Court and is duly qualified as such, by taking the Oath required by law. *Wm H Harrell Clerk*

Jesse Kiff's Will

I Jesse Kiff 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 my last will & testament in manner & form following, that is to say?

First. That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body such burial as she may think proper according to the circumstances a & times well admit and pay all funeral charges, together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. I then I have in possession of my beloved wife Harriet Kiff one Negro Girl Mariah aged eight years for her to use and keep and hold until Zebulon M Whitehurst becomes to the age of twenty one years of age at which time she may pay to the said Zebulon M Whitehurst and Martha E Cooper five hundred dollars each or if she the said Harriet Kiff die before she may sell the said girl Mariah as soon as any and divide the same equal between the said Zebulon M Whitehurst & Martha E Cooper, and in case the said girl Mariah die or go to the Banks and get beyond the reach of my Executor I desire that she be released all together from the obligation to pay anything whatsoever and the goes to be on the two children Zebulon M Whitehurst and Martha E Cooper

Item I give the balance of my estate both real and personal lands and tenements, personal and stock, Chattels, and goods, household & kitchen furniture, farming utensils and tools of every kind or denomination of whatsoever kind or sort to my beloved wife Harriet Kiff for her life. Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Harriet Kiff 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 revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said Jesse Kiff do hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of June 1863 *Jesse Kiff Seal*

Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Jesse Kiff to be his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe and certify as follows, to wit:

James L J Harrell
Jesse R Harrell

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions,
Martin County, October Term 1863

Then was the due execution of the foregoing last will and testament of Jesse Kiff deceased, proved in open Court by the Oath and examination of James L J Harrell and Jesse R Harrell, all subscribing witnesses thereto - Ordered that that the said will with this probate be recorded Harriet Kiff the executrix therein named comes into open Court and is qualified as executrix, by taking the Oath prescribed by law. *Wm H Harrell Clerk*