

thereunto, and at the request and in the presence of  
the 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 deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Jackson Green 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.

Sayeth sworn and  
subscribed this sixt<sup>h</sup> day of December, 1884,  
before me  
C. C. Wade affo

Jackson  
Will

State of North Carolina  
Montgomery County ss. In the Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jackson Green deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Gaston Green and Alexander Green the executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Jackson Green by the oath and examination of Allen Jordan by who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that shortly after the date of the execution of said will and in the presence of the said Jackson Green the testator the said will was exhibited to him as now shown, subscribed and witnessed by Neill McDaniel and that the said Jackson Green the testator aforesaid item and there asserted that the same was his last will and Testament and that the said Jackson Green testator aforesaid in the presence of this affiant further asserted that the said paper writing and will had been signed by him on the first day of July 1884 and that the executor of the said Jackson Green

asked this affiant to read said paper writing and that upon reading the said paper writing and will in the hearing and presence of the said testator Jackson Green the said Jackson Green testator aforesaid further said and there asserted that the said paper writing so read, stated, subscribed and witnessed to aforesaid to be his last Will and Testament; and this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator asserted and acknowledged the execution of the said last will as aforesaid the said Jackson Green 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 this deponent says not.

Sayom and Subscribed  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1884. Allen Jordan  
C. C. Wade affo

Montgomery County in the Superior Court  
in the matter of the will of Eli Ward affo

Eli Ward  
Will  
Jesse F. Brown  
Ex.

Eli Ward being duly sworn doth say, that Eli Ward late of said County is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testaments and that this affiant is the executor named therein. Deりther that the property of the said Eli Ward consisting of Real personal and mixed property is worth about \$1000<sup>00</sup> so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Mary E. Ward widow, Thomas Ward Webster Ward Lucy P. Ward wife of Archibald Brown and David Ward, Jessie F. Ward, and Mary A. Brown all whom reside in said County except Daniel Ward residing in the State of Arkansas and Jesse F. Ward residing in Western N.C. are the parties entitled under said will to said property. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>d</sup> day of February 1885. Jesse Brown  
C. C. Wade affo

# Eli Ward's Will

January 15<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1885

This will made and entered into this day by me Eli Ward witnesseth that I am of good mind and sound mind and blessed be God Amen This will is such that I Eli Ward of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina for the love I have for my beloved affectionate wife Mary E. Ward do will and bequeath to my beloved wife above named a certain tract or parcel of land lying on the West side of the Biggs road bounded as follows. Commencing at the Old red oak corner at the North corner of my field of my home tract of land and running a west & south west direction to the mouth of the Maple Branch at Ward's creek and thence up the creek to the fork of the branch below the meadow that gives my bottom land. Thence up the Branch to the upper end of my bottom land thence a straight line to the maple spring. Thence up the various courses of this branch to the head and thence a straight line the corner of the John E. Freeman land the dividing corner between me and Ruben Ward thence North to Willis Freeman's line thence with the various courses of my line to the beginning at the Old red oak corner the tradition of this will is such that as long as my beloved wife Mary E. Ward lives for her widow hood she shall have and hold with all privileges belonging to her, only, after her widowhood shall cease the above named tract of land, of land to belong to my beloved Thomas Ward son and in consideration of the love I have for my beloved son to whom and to hold with all privileges him his heirs and assigns forever. I also for and in consideration of the love I have for my beloved son Webster Ward do will and bequeath to him a tract of land running in a south direction to the dividing corner between me and Ruben Ward thence with the various courses of the line to the beginning joining Ruben Ward Liney Freeman and others to have and to hold him his heirs and assigns forever with all privileges belonging unto them. The tradition of this will is such that I have a tract or parcel of land lying on the waters of Wolf Creek joining the lands of John M. Clegg, Rufus Pack & others known as my spring woods land. I will that this land be sold and for and in consideration of the love I have for my beloved daughter Lucy Freeman do will and bequeath to her next alias of the money that the land may bring the balance of the money to belong to my beloved wife Mary E. Ward also the balance of my home tract of land lying on the south side of the land that I will to my beloved wife & my beloved son Thomas and in consideration of the love I have for my beloved son David Ward do will and bequeath to him the said balance of my home tract of land joining the lands of Ruben Ward, Gaston Freeman & others provided further that he must come back here before it shall belong to him but if he shall come then he shall have the land him his heirs and assigns to him and to hold for ever with all privileges belonging unto them but if he does never leave them this tract of land shall be divided equally between the rest of my heirs.

Eli Ward  
Will  
June Freeman  
Exon

The East side of the Biggs road known as the John E. Freeman lands bounded as follows Beginning on the Old Pack Jack Corner at the head of the Pack river branch running in a west direction to Willis Freeman line him in a south direction to the dividing corner between me and Ruben Ward thence with the various courses of the line to the beginning joining Ruben Ward Liney Freeman and others to have and to hold him his heirs and assigns forever with all privileges belonging unto them. The tradition of this will is such that I have a tract or parcel of land lying on the waters of Wolf Creek joining the lands of John M. Clegg, Rufus Pack & others known as my spring woods land. I will that this land be sold and for and in consideration of the love I have for my beloved daughter Lucy Freeman do will and bequeath to her next alias of the money that the land may bring the balance of the money to belong to my beloved wife Mary E. Ward also the balance of my home tract of land lying on the south side of the land that I will to my beloved wife & my beloved son Thomas and in consideration of the love I have for my beloved son David Ward do will and bequeath to him the said balance of my home tract of land joining the lands of Ruben Ward, Gaston Freeman & others provided further that he must come back here before it shall belong to him but if he shall come then he shall have the land him his heirs and assigns to him and to hold for ever with all privileges belonging unto them but if he does never leave them this tract of land shall be divided equally between the rest of my heirs.

I do for and in consideration of the love I have for my beloved son Webster Ward do will and bequeath to him three head of sheep I do for and in consideration of the love I have for my daughter Lucy Freeman will and bequeath to her three head of sheep I do for and in consideration of the love I have for my beloved son Thomas will and bequeath to him all

for farming utensils viz wagon, horses &c  
I do for bids in Consideration of the same  
I leave for my beloved wife Mary Eftord wife  
and bequeath to her my mare tall my cattle  
horses & land the balance of my sheep not  
above mentioned my house hold and kitchen  
furniture and all the balance of my prop-  
erty Except ten Dollars that I do for and  
in Consideration the love & care for my  
grand daughter Mary A. Freeman daughter  
of Mr Chibell Freeman do will and be  
queath to her ten Dollars and also for and  
no consideration of the love & care for my  
beloved son Jesse Eftord do will and  
bequeath to him five Dollars

Eli Ward  
will  
empower Jesse Freeman to carry the  
foregoing Wills into effect  
Exe

I Eli Ward do certify that the articles  
mentioned in the foregoing wills is mine  
and that I have right to convey and  
give the articles as I have given them and  
that I have given them without agitation  
of mind, ordinary thing of the kind and  
that I have truly made my wills as  
I have.

I do therefore in the presence of  
these witnesses herein set my hand and  
seal,

Witness  
E. A. Freeman Jr  
Jesse A. Freeman

This 1st day of January AD 1880

Eli Ward

Witnesses  
E. A. Freeman Jr  
Jesse A. Freeman

State of North Carolina  
Montgomery County No. 38. On the Superior Court  
it appears purporting to be the last will  
and testament of Eli Ward deceased  
is exhibited before me the undersigned

Clerk of Superior Court for said County by  
Jesse Freeman the executor thereto mentioned  
and the due execution thereof by the said Eli  
Ward by his son and executors of the  
Freeman and Jesse A. Freeman the sub-  
scribing witness thereto who being duly sworn  
doth depose and say and each for himself  
deposits and certifies that he is a citizen  
of the State of Illinois having been born  
and residing in the State of Illinois and  
pertaining to the last will and testament  
of Eli Ward that the said Eli Ward in  
the presence of this deponent exhibited his  
name at the end of said paper writing which  
is now shown as aforesaid and which  
bears date of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1880

and the deponent further saith that  
the said Eli Ward the testator aforesaid did  
at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid  
declare the said paper writing to be subscribed  
by him and exhibited to be his last will  
and testament and this deponent did subscribe  
his name at the end of each will  
as an attesting witness thereto and at the request  
and in the presence of the said testator and  
the deponent further certifies that at the said  
time when the said testator subscribed his  
name to the said last will as aforesaid  
and at the time of deponents subscribing  
his name as an attesting witness thereto  
as aforesaid the said Eli Ward 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 the  
deponent. and further this deponent  
says not severally sworn and  
subscribed this 2<sup>nd</sup>  
day of February 1880

before me  
C. C. Walker

Jesse Freeman and  
L. H. Freeman and