

I Louis R. Thomas of the County of Montgomery, and a State of North Carolina
 knowing the contents of this and the contents of a certain deed in and to
 my last will and testament, and give devise and bequeath my real and
 personal property, real and personal as follows, I give and bequeath unto all
 of my personal property, to my wife Sophronia Thomas my dear
 Henry, P. Thomas for if I live long, I will not have but little
 from any one and I give my wife Sophronia Thomas my
 home land where we now live which tract contains two hun-
 dred & fifty six acres, the tract shows the boundaries to her Sophronia
 Thomas her life time, then to Henry P. Thomas with the land situated
 there Henry P. Thomas before Sophronia Thomas her life time, I also
 give a Henry P. Thomas my tract of land known as the Gad
 Land containing forty five acres more or less, the tract will show
 the boundaries to him his heirs and assigns forever, he shall also pay
 my P. Thomas to pay all of his living brother & sisters such fine
 dollars in good money, - And I also appoint Henry P. Ballou
 as executor to my will and want him to see that my will is
 carried out and I do hereby declare this is my last will and
 testament - this day of 7th 1872.

Louis R. Thomas

North Carolina

Montgomery County

In the Superior Court

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the
 last will and testament of Louis R. Thomas, deceased, is exhibited for
 probate in said County, Henry P. Ballou, the executor named
 therein, & it is thereupon proved by the oath & examination of
 H. P. Thomas, that the said will was found among the papers
 of one of the said Louis R. Thomas after his death, &
 it is further proved by the oath & examination of the said
 credible witnesses, to wit: Henry P. Ballou, George McPherson, &
 J. A. McPherson, that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the
 said Louis R. Thomas having seen him write, & verily believe
 that the words of the said Louis R. Thomas subscribed to the
 said will, & the said will itself, & every part thereof, is in the
 hand writing of the said Louis R. Thomas, and it is
 further proved by the residence of the three last mentioned
 witnesses, that the said hand writing is generally known to the
 acquaintances of the said Louis R. Thomas & it is therefore concluded by the
 Court that the said paper writing & every part thereof is the last will
 & testament of the said Louis R. Thomas, and the same is ordered
 to be recorded and filed.

Sworn to & subscribed for me
 this June 4th 1872

H. P. Ballou
 J. A. McPherson
 G. McPherson

North Carolina
 Montgomery County

In the Superior Court

It is therefore considered and concluded by the Court
 that the said paper writing & every part thereof is the last
 will and testament of Louis R. Thomas, deceased, & the same
 with the foregoing statements & the certificate are ordered
 to be recorded and filed. This June 4th 1872.

L. R. Thomas
 L. J. Co.