

To The Probate Judge of Nash County By authority of a power of attorney from us as Celestia E Harrison widow of the late John Harrison this day proven before you by the author H.H. Bryan a subscribing witness thereto and do hereby enter her dissent to said will and testament with the request that a proper record of the same be made on the records of said county. B.H. Dunn, atty.
Feb. 21st, 1870 for Celestia E Harrison

I Jesse Coppedge of the County of Nash 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 as follows. Item 1st. That executor hereinafter mentioned shall provide my body with a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of the money that may first come into his hands as part and parcel of my estate. 2nd. I lend to my beloved wife all of my lands and other property during her natural life after paying my just debts. 3rd. After the death of my wife it is my will and desire that such of my daughters as remain single shall have my home tract of land and also the Brown tract land for a home during their natural life or while they remain single then to be sold and divided equally between all of my children. 4th. It is my will and desire that my son Jordan and William B Coppedge be and they are hereby appointed my executors. I wish them to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same. Signed, this the 30th August 1867.

Jesse Coppedge (Seal)

witness J. Webb
James E Ward
William F Edwards

State of North Carolina, Nash County. In The Probate Court. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse Coppedge deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by Jordan Coppedge and W.B. Coppedge the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Jesse Coppedge by the oath and examination of J.T. Webb and W.F. Edwards the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse Coppedge that the said Jesse Coppedge in the presence of this deponent subscribing his name at the end of the said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 30th day of August, 1867. And the deponent further saith, that the said Jesse Coppedge the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name as the end of said will, as an attesting witness thereto, 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 the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Jesse Coppedge 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. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of J.P. Jenkins Probate Judge.

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I Achsey Ricks of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and 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 hereinafter mentioned shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing and the first monies that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item: I give to my loving son Wm J.B. Harper one feather bed and its necessary furniture to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give to my loving daughter Mary B Atkinson one feather bed and its necessary furniture to her heirs forever. Item: I give to George Harper son of my grand son John H. B. Harper one feather bed and its necessary furniture to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give to my friend Elizabeth Hedding, one feather bed and its necessary furniture and the sum of one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever. My will and desire is that the balance of my property of every kind and quality consisting of negro stock of all kinds household and kitchen furniture and c. be divided in the following manner that is to say I give to my son Wm J.B. Harper one third part of my property of every kind (not heretofore disposed of) during his natural life and after his death to his lawful begotten children to them and their heirs forever. Item: I give to my daughter Mary B. Atkinson one third (4) part of my property of every kind (as in the last item preceding this) during her natural life and after her death to the lawful begotten children of her body to them and their heirs forever and further should either of the above children referred to in the last as above die without lawful issue then and in that case the survivors shall inherit their shares. Item. Of the remaining one third of my property I give in the following manner, that is to say one third to my grand children, Alford Joyner to wit: William D Joyner, Guilford Joyner, James Joyner, Mary

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E. Joyner, Malvina Joyner, Ashley Joyner and Henry Joyner, now in case that either of the above named children die without lawful issue then and in that case the said, or shares shall go to the survivors, and the remaining two thirds of the one third in the last item I give to George Harper son of my grand son John H.B. Harper to him and his lawful begotten children forever, and in case the said George Harper as above should die without lawful issue then and in that case the said two thirds shall go to the said children of Alford Joyner assumed above to them and their heirs forever, And I do hereby appoint my son William J.B. Harper as trustee and Guardian to the above named children. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Wm J.B. Harper my lawful executor to all intents and purposes and execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Achsey Ricks do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 2nd day of May A D 1863. Signed sealed and published and declared by the said Achsey Ricks to be her last will and testament in presence of us who after request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. hfa

Achsey Ricks (Seal)

W.W. Boddie,
James Bunting,
State of North Carolina, Nash County

In The Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Achsey Ricks deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by W.J.B. Harper the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Achsey Ricks by the oath and examination of W.W. Boddie and the handwriting of James Bunting being satisfactorily proven by C.W. Ward who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Achsey Ricks, that the said Achsey Ricks in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 2nd day of May, 1863. And the deponent further saith that the said Achsey Ricks, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, 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 her name to the said last will and as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Achsey Ricks 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. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

J.P. Jenkins,
Probate Judge.

W.W. Boddie (Seal)
C.W. Ward (Seal)

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Nashville, Nash County, Jan. 19, 1869. After mature reflection and consideration I have thought proper to make this my last will. I desire that my executor pay all my just debts if there be any owing at my death. What property I possess at my death I wish to be divided as follows among those of my children to wit: Benja. H. Seal, S. and Charlie B. Sorby. I request my son Benja. H. Sorby to act as my executor. My life policy in the Brooklyn insurance company which will amount to five thousand dollars I leave to the three above named, to be equally divided. B.H. Sorby, Wm.

State of North Carolina, Nash County. In The Probate Court. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin H. Sorby, but without subscribing witnesses is exhibited for probate before J.P. Jenkins Judge of Probate for Nash County by Benj. H. Sorby the executor therein named. It was therefore proved by the oath and examination of Benj. H. Sorby that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said deceased by his self and the Judge of Probate who made examination of the papers of deceased immediately after his death. It is further proved by the oath and examination of R. B. Griffin Wm. T. Griffin and G.M. Mount three competent and credible witnesses that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said B.H. Sorby, having after seen him write and verily believe that the name of the said B.H. Sorby, subscribed to the said and the said will itself and every part thereof are in the hand writing of the said B.H. Sorby. It is further proved by the oath and examination of the three last mentioned witnesses that the hand writing of the deceased is generally known by the acquaintances and by the public at large. It is therefore considered by the Judge of Probate that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said B.H. Sorby, and the same is ordered to be recorded. J.P. Jenkins Probate Judge.

Nash County, July 18 1870

Frances M H Sorby widow of the late Benjamin H Sorby, deceased do hereby enter my dissent to the last will and testament of my said husband.
Frances M H Sorby.