

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and sixty four
Signed sealed and
acknowledged in the
presence of us
Mary E Jones
Martha R Ellen

Thomas E Griffin (Seal)

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Nash County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of Thos E Griffin deceased, is exhibited before me the
undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County
by Mills R Griffin the executor therein mentioned
and the due execution of the said Thos E Griffin
is proved by the oath and examination of Mrs Martha
R Ellen (Mary E Jones being dead) the subscribing witness
thereto: who being duly sworn doth depose and say that
she is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now
shown her purporting to be the last will and testament
of Thos E Griffin, that the said Thos E Griffin, in the
presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the
end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid and
which bears date of the day of Sept 1864
And deponent further saith, that the said Thos E
Griffin the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing
his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so
subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and
testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe
her 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 his name
to the last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's
subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto as
aforesaid the said Thos E Griffin was of sound mind and
memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under
any restraint to the knowledge or information or belief
of this deponent. And further this deponent says not
severally sworn & subscribed
this 8 day of April 1891
before me J E Curt
Clerk Superior Court

Martha R Ellen (Seal)

In the name of God Amen. I, Gray
Sills, of the county of Nash and State
of North Carolina being of sound mind
and disposing memory, do make and
declare this to be my last will and
testament in manner and form
following: Item, I give and bequeath
to my beloved son, Thomas A. Sills the
following piece of land: Beginning at
Oak Corner (Belford church corner) on
Louisburg road, thence running in
a south easterly direction in a straight
line across field to a Pine stump on the
path leading through field, near where
old fence stood, thence along a line to
be made in a southeasterly direction
to a blazed Pine a little East of where
young Thomas lives, thence along a line
to be made to J. G. Sills corner (Pine)
near old dry ditch, thence along J. G.
Sills line to his corner in Dr. J. T. Sills
line, thence along his line to an Oak corner
on Halifax road, thence northwesterly
20 1/2 poles to Pine corner Mary L & Lucy
S. Sills corner, thence along a straight
line to be made to an Oak corner in
Warrenton road, Mary L & Lucy S. Sills
corner, thence along a straight line to
be made to Pattie C. Kings Sweet Gum
corner, near old mill path, thence
along my line in a southerly direction
to church corner (leopard) thence along
church line to the beginning. *
Item, I give and bequeath to my
grandchildren, descendants of my la-
mented son Robert A. Sills, Mattie R. &
Robert A. Sills, the piece of land lying
north of the land deeded to my son, R.
A. Sills, and bounded by part of the
285 acre tract, surveyed by Mr. King
for me, Beginning at Dr. R. A. Sills
logwood corner and running along
said line surveyed by Mr. King to

Red Bud Creek. thence up said Creek to high hill near old ford in low ground where a corner is to be made, thence straight to R. A. Sills' line, where another corner is to be made, thence along his line to the beginning, dogwood corner.

Item, I give and bequeath to Rebecca B. Sills, the wife of my son J. B. Sills during the natural term of her life and after that to their son, W. Gray Sills the following piece of land. Beginning at a pine J. B. Sills' corner and running straight in a Southernly direction to Batchelor's line where a corner is to be made, thence easterly along Batchelor's line to an Oak corner, thence along Joseph Batchelor's line north to cross fence, thence running through field between J. B. Sills' farm & one formerly cultivated by Bailey Bradish (col) and along cross fence and continuing outside in a straight line to J. B. Sills' line corner, the beginning.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughters Mary L. & Lucy S. Sills the following piece of land and bounded as follows. Beginning at a sweet gum (now cut down) chicken corner, thence running south 11 1/4 poles to a dogwood stake on Thomas S. Leollie's line thence north 88 3/4 East 6 7/8 poles to a stake on my line, thence along my line and J. B. Sills' to J. B. Sills' line corner near old dry ditch thence easterly to a blazed pine where young Thomas now lives, thence northwesterly to a pine stump on path through field thence along a straight line to Oak corner (black corner) on Louisville road, thence along road to the beginning.

Item, I give and bequeath to my sons David R. and Thomas R. Sills my

Andrew's tract of land now containing about Fifty Five (55) acres and bounded as follows. Beginning at D. H. Sills and W. H. Andrews' stake corner on Halifax road, thence running down said road to James Devereaux's corner, thence along his line to Am. St. Jones' corner, thence along his line to Norfolk's corner, thence along his line to Andrews' tract corner, thence along his line to the beginning.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Fattie S. King the following piece of land in addition to what I have already decided to her. Beginning at Belfast Church, Sweet Gum corner (now down) on Louisville road and running along the line to be made for my daughters Mary L. & Lucy S. Sills to a stake corner made by me to T. S. Collier, thence along his line to another stake corner in his line, thence along T. S. Collier's line to a corner made in my deed to Fattie S. King, thence along the line made in her to a Hickory tree (now cut down) on the Louisville road, thence along the road to the beginning.

Item, My piece of land of 28.5 acres surveyed for me by Mr. W. D. King and bounded as follows. Beginning at Rock corner, D. H. Sills & W. H. Andrews' on Halifax road and running north to Red Bud Creek Dogwood corner (now cut down) on north side of said creek thence up the various courses of said creek to a blazed line of South side of creek, thence along a line through old field to R. A. Sills Dogwood corner, thence along his line to a dead Oak (now down) thence along lines to be run one to a stake at short distance, thence to a Spanish Oak (now down) on path where old barn stood, thence along a line of blazed trees (a part of which is

chopped to a small Pine on the Halifax road
(now cut down) thence along said road to
the beginning. Thirty acres of this tract to
be deducted from it which I have sold to
Bedding Tenn for which he has a deed
with its boundaries, also another tract
to be deducted from it (if paid for) sold
to Elias Brothe containing about 22 acres-
boundaries given in my obligation to
him. The above described tract of land
I wish to be equally divided between
David R. Sils, Myrtle S. King, Mattie
N. and Rott. A. Sils, descendants of
my son Robert, and Rebecca B. Sils
wife of my son J. G. Sils, the last
named to hold her share during her
and after her death it is to go to her
son W. Gray Sils - provided I leave
no debts unpaid, and in the event I
should I wish for the land to be
sold and my debts paid out of the
proceeds and the remainder divided
as above mentioned.

I give and bequeath to my
daughters Mary L. & Lucy S. Sils the
following tract of land. Bounded as
follows: Beginning at Red Bud ridge
(Birch corner) thence running along
Nashville road to R. A. Sils corner
on east side of road, thence along his
line until it reaches a point of the
creek, to a corner to be made near old
ford in low grounds, for R. A. Sils children
thence up the various courses of said
creek to the beginning.

I give another portion of my land
lying between the Warrenton road and
the piece surveyed by Capt. Geo. Hicks
for my daughters M. L. & L. S. Sils
where Isham White now lives and bounded
as follows: Beginning at Oak on West side
of Warrenton road and running along the
House tract line to M. L. & L. S. Sils

Pine corner thence along their line to
285 acres tract line & R. A. Sils line
until it reaches Red Bud road, thence
down said road to the beginning. I wish
sold and applied to the payment of a
note I owe my daughters M. L. and L. S.
Sils and if any over the balance I
give to my grandson Dr. Gray Sils.

I give to my daughters Mary
Lund & Lucy S. Sils my roan mare
Pha, and also my cow and fodder.
My Red Bud place lying east of War-
renton road and north of Red Bud
creek unless sold before my death. I
give to my daughters M. L. & L. S. Sils
I give to my children Mary L. & Lucy
S. and Thos. R. Sils I give my household
and kitchen furniture & all the other
personal property I have not mentioned
above.

I do hereby appoint as my
executors of this my last will and testa-
ment my sons D. R. Sils, J. G. Sils,
A. Sils & Wm. S. King.
In evidence whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal - this 16th day
of February, 1891

Gray Sils
Witness
Joseph Collins
Jonah Collins

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Nash County

A paper purporting to be the last will
and testament of Gray Sils deceased, is
exhibited before me, the undersigned, clerk of
the Superior Court for said County by David
N. Sils, one of the executors therein mentioned
and the due execution thereof by the said
Gray Sils by the oath and examination of