

I Margaret Derrington 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 following, that is to say -

First, that my executor shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts now due and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. I give and bequeath to my niece Margaret Harper my human the balance of ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~estate~~ ^{estate} I give and bequeath to James Harper and his wife Martha Harper to them and their heirs for ever let it be little or much also let it consist in what in may at my death after paying out expenses as first directed I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly friend James Harper 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 Margaret Derrington do hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of June A.D. 1878

Signed Read and Published ^{my} Margaret Derrington (Real)

and declared by the said Margaret to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence

1. Subscribed our names as witnesses

James H. Harper Jr
Jas. B. H. Bodden

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Nash County
I, James Harper, purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret Derrington deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by James Harper the executor thereon named and the due execution thereof by the said Margaret Derrington by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do before and say and each for him self depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing

now shown being purporting to be last will and testament of Margaret Derrington. That the said Margaret Derrington in the presence of them deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as afore said and transcribed of the 14th day of June 1878 And the deponent, further says that the said Margaret Derrington the testator afore said died at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament and then deponent did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as acting thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator and then deponent further says that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will as afore said and at the time of the deponent subscribing their names as acting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Margaret Derrington 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 them deponent and further then deponent say not lawfully sworn and subscribed this

16th day of March 1881 before me } J. H. Harper Jr (Real)
Jas. B. H. Bodden (Real)
Benj. H. Bodden
Probate Judge

I Henry W. Whitaker of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina Being of Sound and disposing mind and memory and acknowledging the uncertainty of my earthly existence do publish as my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit - I give and bequeath to my dear brother Richd. M. Whitaker all my interest in real estate and the balance of my estate of every description both real and personal goods and chattels of every description after paying my just debt - I give and bequeath to my dear beloved brother Richd. M. Whitaker as aforesaid whom I constitute and nominate and appoint sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and former wills by me at any time heretofore made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the thirty-first day of January A.D. 1881

(31st day Jan 1881) Signed Read and Published and declared