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names at the end of said will, as an attesting, that, and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator. And these deponents further swear that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereof, as aforesaid, the said Wm. H. Gorton 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 these deponents and further these deponents say not.

Signed sealed and

delivered in presence of

Benj. C. Soley

Probate Judge

Wm. H. Drake (att)
R. W. Amington (att)

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In the name of God, Amen. I, James Vincent of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, praise be God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First - that my executor hereinafter to be named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses to gether with my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Then, I bequeath to Sarah H. Gorton, daughter of William and Marina Gorton and their heirs, give and devise to her bodily heirs, the following tract of land, bounded as follows, beginning at a hickory main

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Eupton's Corner, then south to J. J. Barden's line then west along said Barden's line to a post oak Harry Walker's corner, then north to Mrs. Savage's line and along said line to a corner red oak, thence west one hundred and fifty yards then north to Batten's line, thence east to the Big branch, thence up said branch as to make a due south line to the first station, (a hickory). This tract includes my mansion house where I now live, together with all outhouses and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Sarah H. Gorton for and during the term of her natural life, and in case she should die leaving no bodily heirs then the said lands and improvements goes back to the bodily heirs of her sister Elizabeth Weston as and then. I bequeath to Elizabeth Weston daughter of William and Marina Gorton, all of the remaining portion of my lands lying part of the above described tract during her lifetime, and she shall give and devise the same to her bodily heirs absolutely at their disposal forever. Then I give to Lucia Wood daughter of Britton Wood and one bed and counterpane and one shirt, designated and known by the family. Then I give and devise to Britton Wood or four stool chairs designated and known by the family. Then I give and devise to Sarah H. Gorton the choice horse that may be on hand at my death. Then I give and devise to Elizabeth Weston the second choice horse again him thereof twenty five dollars in money. Then I give and devise to Elizabeth Weston and Sarah H. Gorton the remaining portion of my household and kitchen furniture, provision on hand, growing crops, farming tools &c. &c. that has not yet otherwise been disposed of to be equally divided between them. Then I give and devise all the money that may be on hand at my death to her Marina Gorton, Elizabeth Weston and Sarah H. Gorton.

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names at the end of said will, as an attesting
witness, and at the request, and in the presence of
the said testator. And these defendants further
swear that at the same time when the said tes-
tator subscribed his name to the said last-
will as aforesaid and at the time of the
defendants subscribing their names as
attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the
said Wm. H. Crocker 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
these defendants and further these defendants
say not.

Signed sealed and

delivered in presence of

Benj. M. Sorely

Notary Judge

Wm. J. Drake *Att*
R. W. Annington *Att*

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In the name of God, Amen. I
James Vincent of the County of Nash
and State of North Carolina, being of
sound mind and ^{disposing} memory, praise be
God for the same, do make this my
last will and testament in manner
and form following. First - that my
executor hereinafter to be named
shall provide for my body a decent
burial suitable to the wishes of my
relatives and friends, and pay all fu-
neral expenses to gather with my
just debts, however and to whomsoever
owing, out of the money that may
first come into his hands as a part
or parcel of my estate.
Then, I bequeath to Sarah H. Epton, daugh-
ter of William and Maria Epton, and
then I give and devise to her bodily heirs,
the following tract of land, bounded as
follows, beginning at a hickory tree

Epton's corner, then south to J. J. Bowden's
line then west along said Bowden's line to a
post oak near Walker's corner, then north to
Mrs. Savage's line and along said line to a
corner red oak, thence west one hundred and
sixty yards then north to Batten's line, thence
east to the Big branch, thence up said branch
or as to make a due south line to the
first station, (a hickory). This tract includes
my mansion house where I now live, together
with all outbuildings and other improvements
to have and to hold to her the said Sarah
H. Epton for and during the term of her
natural life, and in case she should die
leaving no bodily heirs then the said land
and improvements go back to the bodily
heirs of her sister Elizabeth Weston as in and
about. I bequeath to Elizabeth Weston daughter
of William and Maria Epton, all of the
remaining portion of my lands lying west
of the above described tract during her life-
time, and then I give and devise the same
to her bodily heirs absolutely at their dispo-
sal forever. Then I give to Salia Wood
daughter of Britton Wood and one bed
and counterpane and one sheet, designa-
ted and known by the family. Then I
give and devise to Britton Wood or four
stool chairs designated and known by the
family. Then I give and devise to Sarah
H. Epton the choice horse that may be on hand
at my death. Then I give and devise to
Elizabeth Weston the second choice horse again
him thereof twenty five dollars in money. Then
I give and devise to Elizabeth Weston and
Sarah H. Epton the remaining portion of
my household and kitchen furniture, provisions
on hand, growing crops, farming tools, &c.
&c. that has not yet come been disposed of
to be equally divided between them. I then
I give and devise all the money that may
be on hand at my death to her sister
Epton, Elizabeth Weston and Sarah H. Epton.

to be equally divided between them. I then
 I give and devise to the Rev. Russell
 Tucker if he should be the longest liver
 fifteen dollars out of any money due
 my estate. I then I give and devise to
 Beach the church in Franklin County ten
 dollars out of any money that may be
 due my estate. I then It is my will
 and desire that some seventy five
 acres of my land more or less in a cer-
 tain place known by the family shall be
 sold by my executor and the proceeds
 equally divided among my four
 sisters or their heirs viz. Fannie
 Collins, Elizabeth Epton, Sarah
 Yarbrough and the heirs of Mary Ept-
 on. I then my will and desire is
 that Marina Epton shall have the
 use and privilege of my house for
 a home during her natural life or
 widowhood and she is to be furnis-
 hed one hundred pounds of pork and
 one barrel of corn each by Elizabeth
 Weston and Sarah H. Epton or their
 legal heirs or representatives yearly
 during her natural life or widow-
 hood, and the aforesaid granted and
 devised land shall be and are held
 and firmly bound unto the said
 Marina Epton for the same. I then
 my will and desire is that all the
 residue of my estate (if any), after
 taking out the devises and legacies
 above mentioned, shall be sold, and
 the debts owing to me collected, and
 if there should be any surplus over
 and above the payment of debts, ex-
 penses and legacies, that such surplus
 shall be equally divided among Eliza-
 beth Weston and Sarah H. Epton.
 And lastly, I do hereby constitute
 and appoint my trusty friend
 Edmond Sykes my lawful executor to

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all intents and purposes, to execute this my
 last will and testament, according to the
 true intent and meaning ~~thereof~~ of the same
 and every part and clause thereof, hereby re-
 voking and declaring utterly void all other
 wills and testaments by me heretofore made.
 In witness whereof I the said James Vincent
 do hereunto set my hand and seal this the
 29th day of April 1871-

Witness, sealed, published
 and declared by the said
 James Vincent to be
 his last will and tes-
 tament in the presence
 of us, who at his request
 and in his presence do
 subscribe our names
 as witnesses thereto

his
 James X Vincent
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W. G. Whaley
 J. C. Collins

State of North Carolina, In the Probate Court
 Nash County, May 12th, 1871-

A paper writing purporting to be the last
 will and testament of James Vincent deceased,
 is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge
 of Probate for said County by Edmond Sykes
 the executor therein named, and the due execu-
 tion thereof by the said James Vincent by
 the oath and examination of W. G. Whaley
 the subscribing witness thereto, who being
 duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each
 for himself depose and swear, that he is a
 subscribing witness to the paper writing now
 shown him purporting to be the last will and
 testament of James Vincent, as the presence
 of this deponent subscribed his name at the
 end of the said paper writing which is now
 shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the
 29th day of April 1871. And the deponent

further said, that the said James Vincent the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will, as an attesting witness, and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further said, 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 deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said James Vincent 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 by not.

Signed sealed
and delivered in
the presence of
Bapt. H. Sorely
Prot. H. Sorely

William G. Whaley

In the name of God. Amen, I mourning
Bess of the county of back and state of
North Carolina being of sound mind and
disposing 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 hereafter named
shall provide for my body a decent burial
and pay all funeral expenses together with
all my just debts household and to whom

ever 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 Sampson Lykes,
son of Madison Lykes and wife, my bed bed-
stead and furniture, except as to one bed quilt
and one counterpane, and I give and bequeath
to Mary A. Lykes to her and her heirs personal
representatives, absolutely forever. The sum of
ten dollars to be paid by my executor in gold
to the said Sampson Lykes to him and his per-
sonal representatives, forever. I give and
bequeath to the child dew, the lawful heirs of
Edmond Lykes and wife, the sum of one
hundred dollars, to be paid by my executor
within the time prescribed by law, out of any
moneys belonging to my estate not otherwise
disposed of, which sum (one hundred dollars
shall be equally divided and paid over to the
said heirs of E. Lykes in equal portions
three and three alike, to them and each and
every one of them their executors and assigns
absolutely forever. I give and bequeath to
Margaret Lykes, one chest that is now in my
possession to her and her personal representatives
absolutely forever. I give and bequeath to
Julia Lykes, one trunk that is now in my
possession to her and her personal representa-
tives absolutely forever. I give and bequeath
to Mary A. Lykes, Julia A. Lykes and Marga-
ret Lykes, my wearing apparel or clothing
except as to one black silk dress and one fur
blue and white calico, which are now in my
possession. I partly give and bequeath them
the said dresses to Elizabeth Abromsky, that
all of them except the two dresses mentioned
be delivered to, and divided equally among
them, the said Mary A. Lykes Julia A. Lykes and
Margaret Lykes in equal portions three and
three alike, to them and each and every one
of them, their personal representatives
absolutely forever. My will and desire is
that all the residue of my estate (if any)
including every species of property, together