

J. H. Cooper, being of sound mind and memory,  
makes this my last Will to Wit. I give to my wife Nancy H. Cooper  
One hundred dollars in consideration of her relinquishing  
all right in law and equity support the same being agreed  
between us. I desire my property to be equally divided between  
my children, and as the H. Cooper has had what I consider an  
equal part I shall give him nothing. Also Thomas J. Cooper has  
had one hundred and twenty dollars therefore he must account  
for that much before he can get any thing. I consider that  
Mrs. Thomas, Belle, Trinity, has had a bed Valued at thirty dollars, it  
is my will that each of the other children shall have a bed and  
chairs and chairs a little, as above.

January 29<sup>th</sup> 1884.

H. H. Cooper

Witness,

John Draper

F. J. Drake

As a codicil to this will I hereby appoint  
my friend H. G. Sharp as my Executor. This day 21<sup>st</sup> 1884.

H. H. Cooper

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Witness,

John Draper

F. J. Drake

State of North Carolina,

Franklin County, ss. In the Probate Court,  
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament  
of H. H. Cooper deceased, is exhibited before me, the  
designated Judge of Probate for said County by  
H. G. Sharp the executor therein mentioned, and  
the due execution thereof by the said H. H. Cooper, by  
the oath and examination of John Draper & F. J. Drake the  
subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn,  
doth depose and say, and each for him self deposes and  
saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing  
now shown him purporting to be the last will and  
testament of H. H. Cooper that the said H. H. Cooper in  
the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the  
end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid,  
and which bears date of the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1884,  
and the deponent further saith that the said H. H. Cooper  
the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing  
his name aforesaid, declare the said paper writing  
to be subscribed by him and testifies to the fact

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 time when  
the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid  
and at the time of deponents subscribing his name as an attesting  
witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said H. H. Cooper 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.

John Draper, (Signed)  
F. J. Drake, (Signed)

Sincerely Sworn and Subscribed this  
2<sup>d</sup> day of June 1884, before me,  
Jno. P. Margaret,  
Probate Judge,

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Witness,  
H. G. Sharp  
F. J. Drake

In the name of God Amen, I, Sarah A. Hicks of Cherokee  
County, N.C. being in good bodily health and of  
sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the  
fickleness and uncertainty of human life and being anxious  
of likeing my worldly affairs and directing how the estates  
With which it has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed  
of after my decease, While I have strength and capacity so to  
do, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby  
revoking and making null and void all other last Wills and  
testaments by me hitherto made, by me. And first I command  
my immortal being to him who gave it, and my body to the earth  
to be buried by my executors hereinafter named, And as to my movable  
estate and all property, real and personal, or mixed of which shall  
die, I give and bequeath all to which I shall be intitled at the time  
of my decease, I give bequeath and dispose thereof in the  
manner following to wit: I give, devise and bequeath to my  
beloved Husband Ebenezer S. Hicks and to his heirs and assigns  
forever all my estate real, personal or mixed of which I shall  
die, bequeath and dispose of to which I shall be intitled at the  
time of my decease, I give, devise and bequeath to Ebenezer  
S. Hicks and to his heirs and assigns forever, Lastly I do  
nominate and appoint my beloved Husband Ebenezer S. Hicks  
to be my last executor of this my last Will and Testament  
to this will on and after that of paper I have herunto substituted  
my name and affixing my seal the 2<sup>d</sup> day of April 1884.

Sarah A. Hicks (Signed)