

writing now shown him purporting to be an order
to the last will and testament of John A. Ricks
that the said John A. Ricks in the presence of the
deponent, acknowledge that he subscribed his
name at the end of said paper writing now
shown as aforesaid and which was done on the 15th
day of January 1887 and the deponent further
declared that the said John A. Ricks Testator forsook
did at the time of acknowledging that he
subscribed his name as aforesaid declare the
paper writing so subscribed to be his order to
his last will and testament and the
deponent did thereupon subscribe his name
at the end of said order or on attesting witness
there to and at the request and in the presence
of the said Testator the said John A. Ricks and
the deponent further said that at the
said time when the said Testator subscribed his
name to the said order as aforesaid and
at the time of deponent subscribing his name
or on attesting witness there to as aforesaid
the said John A. 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 the deponent and
further the deponent says true.

Subscribed and sworn to
this 24th day of April 1887
before me

J. C. Beal
J. D. MacArthur

Beal
MacArthur

John T. Morgan
clerk & Counsel

Wash County, North Carolina

I Mary Strickland of the County and State aforesaid
being of age of sound mind and disposing memory
and knowing that it is appointed that all must die
and being for advanced in years do make and publish
this my last will and testament and testament in every
and manner following (viz) first I give my soul to god
and my body to the earth from whence it came to be
buried in a plain but decent manner then 6th it is my
will that all of my just debts be paid by my Executor
hereafter named then 6th I give and bequeath to my
daughter Nancy May Strickland two feather beds and
steads and furniture also one looking glass one walnut
table one cow and calf two pair of andirons and one good
Mule or horse which ever may be on hand at my death to
her and her heirs for ever then 7th I give and bequeath to
my daughter Susan M. B. Strickland two feather beds &
steads & furniture also one looking glass one walnut
table one cow and calf two pair of andirons and one good
Mule or horse which ever may be on hand at my death
to her and her heirs for ever then 8th I give and bequeath to
my son Noah R. Strickland two feather beds and furniture
one looking glass also one walnut table two pair of andirons
and also all the horses or mules that is on hand after
giving the two to the daughters as aforesaid in this will to
him and his heirs for ever then 9th I give and bequeath to my
young daughter Mary Elizabeth Strickland one bed and
furniture and one blue pine chest to her & her heirs for ever
then 10th I give and bequeath to my Grandson Edward D.
Strickland one silver watch and one cow & calf to him
and his heirs for ever. it is further my will that all the
balance of my house hold and kitchen furniture to go with
one Rockaway one Buggy and the balance of the stock
of cattle sheep and hogs be equally divided between my
three children (viz) Noah, Nancy & Susan B. Strickland
to them and their heirs for ever I also give and bequeath
to my son Noah R. Strickland all of my working tools of
all sorts and also all of my cart waggons &c and I do
hereby appoint my son Noah R. Strickland Executor to the will
this 20 day of Novr 1888

Witness
A. B. Baines
Geo. W. Baines

Nancy & Strickland
M. B. Strickland

I Nancy Strickland in as much as it has pleased god to Remove from this world my dear daughter Maryann Elizabeth N. Strickland named in this will I do this day enter this as a Codicil to this my last will and Testament (Viz) the bed and furniture & chest given to my said gone daughter I will to my three children Noah Susan M.B. and Nancy M. Strickland to be equally divided between them and then here for ever also it is my will that the silver watch and cow and calf given to my grandson Edward D. Strickland in this will be changed and given to Noah Susan M.B. and Nancy M. Strickland and in place of the watch and cow and calf I give and bequeath to my grandson Edward D. Strickland one thousand dollars in money to him and his heirs for ever. This 1 day of August 1876
 Witness
 A.B. Baines
 J.M. Baines
 Nancy M. Strickland
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State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
 Nash County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs. Nancy Strickland deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by W. R. Strickland the executor therein mentioned and for the execution thereof by the said Mrs. Nancy Strickland by the oath and examination of A.B. Baines, Geo. W. Baines and James M. Baines the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself 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 Mrs. Nancy Strickland together with said seal constituting a part of said will that the said Mrs. Nancy Strickland in the presence of these deponents A.B. Baines & Geo. W. Baines subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 20 day of Nov 1868 and the deponents A.B. Baines & J.M. Baines subscribed their names as witnesses to said will which bears date August 1st 1877 And the deponent further saith that the said Mrs. Nancy Strickland the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid

declared the said paper writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and Testament and this deponent did therefore 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 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 Nancy Strickland 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 the deponents. And further these deponents say not.

Solemnly sworn and
 Subscribed this 1 day
 of May 1886 before me
 J. M. Morgan
 Probate Judge

A.B. Baines

Geo. W. Baines

J. M. Baines

Seal

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