

who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown purporting to be a codicil to the last will and testament of Allison Strickland that the said Allison Strickland in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of the said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 23 day of July 1891.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Allison Strickland the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the paper writing to be his last will and testament and exhibited to be a codicil to his last 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 testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid the said Allison 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 this deponent. And further these deponents say,

Severally sworn and
subscribed this 6 day
of April 1891
S. E. Cure
Clerk Superior Court

H. A. Moore Seal
N. A. Davis Seal

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Allison Strickland, declared, is exhibited before me the undersigned clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by Mary Jane Strickland & R. R. & D. Strickland the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Allison Strickland is proved by the oath and examination of H. A. Moore and N. A. Davis the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Allison Strickland, that the said Allison Strickland in the presence of deponent, subscribed his name at the

end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 8th day of March 1891. And the deponent further saith, that the said Allison Strickland 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 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 last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Allison 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 this deponent. And further these deponents say not

Severally sworn & subscribed
this 6 day of April 1891
before me
S. E. Cure
Clerk Superior Court

H. A. Moore Seal
N. A. Davis Seal

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In the name of God amen. I Thomas E. Griffin of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of the body, knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the manner and form following to wit: Item 1 It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my estate by my executor hereinafter named. Item 2 I give and bequeath unto my wife Melly R. Griffin the whole of estate both real, personal and mixed to her and to her heirs forever. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife Melly R. Griffin executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Thomas E. Griffin have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of September

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 Milla R Griffin the executrix 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 (beech) 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