

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court. Decemr. Term 1862.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Bernard Baxter deceased, was exhibited in open Court, by James H. Ryan the Executor therein named, and offered for probate, and the due execution of the same by the said Bernard Baxter, was proved by the oath and examination of John Dawson and J. J. Hedrick, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it is considered by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of Bernard Baxter, and sufficient to convey the bequests therein named. It is ordered that the same be recorded and filed. At the same time James H. Ryan, the Executor therein named, appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as such.

Teste Samuel J. Bunting Clerk
Jm. Woodby Deft. Clerk.

In the name of God, Amen!

I Cyrus S. Van Amringe of the town of Wilmington State of North Carolina, being in good health of body, and of sound and disposing mind and memory (praised be God for the same) and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity, so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it; and my body to the earth to be interred at the direction of my Executors hereinafter named. And as to such worldly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to intrust me, I dispose of the same as followeth.

It is my will and desire that all my just debts, and the charges of my funeral be paid and discharged by my executors hereinafter named and appointed, out of my estate as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

I give devise and dispose of all my estate, real and personal (save what shall be necessary for the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses) in the following manner.

I give and bequeath unto

Levi A. Hart and George O. Van Amringe Jr and to the survivor of them, and to the heirs executors and administrators of such survivor one half of my entire estate, real, personal and mixed in trust for the sole and separate use benefit and behoof of my Mother Abbe Van Amringe for and during the term of her natural life, freed and discharged from the debts obligations and contracts of her husband; and in trust further that upon her death they shall convey the said one half of my estate to whatever person or persons she may nominate and appoint in any paper writing in the nature of a last will and testament by her executed. And in default of such nomination and appointment, then upon her death in trust to hold the aforesaid one half of my estate for the use benefit and behoof of my father George O. Van Amringe for and during his natural life, and upon his death to convey the same to my two sisters Abbe Chadbourne and Matilda Capiday, in fee simply, as tenants in common share and share alike.

Item second. - I give devise and bequeath unto my father George O. Van Amringe his heirs executors administrators and assigns, one eighth of my entire estate real personal and mixed.

Item third. - I give devise and bequeath unto my brother George O. Van Amringe Jr. his heirs, executors administrators and assigns one eighth of my entire estate, real personal and mixed.

Item fourth. - I give devise and bequeath unto my brother Stacy Van Amringe his heirs executors administrators and assigns one eighth of all my estate real personal and mixed.

Item fifth. - I give devise and bequeath unto my brother Alford Van Amringe his heirs, executors administrators and assigns one eighth of my entire estate real personal and mixed.

Item fifth. - It is my will and desire that after my death my brother George O. Van Amringe Jr. should succeed to my business and continue the same on his own account if such should be his wish; and in that event I will and direct that after my death, my Executors (who if they cannot agree in a selection New Canover as umpire) shall call upon three discreet and disinterested persons, to value my stock in trade together with such other property as is legitimately connected with and necessary to carry on my business; and upon the said George O. Van Amringe

executing to my said Executors his note or notes for the amount of such valuation with personal security or secured by mortgage, that then they execute and make title to him for such stock in trade and other property; which said note or notes, or the proceeds thereof shall stand in the stead of and represent such stock in trade and other property referred to in this item of my will, and be divided as a part of my estate hereinbefore generally referred to, among my legatees and devisees, in the proportions and manner aforesaid.

Item Sixth. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my brother George O. Van Amringe Jr. and my trusty friends Levi A. Hart Executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, Cyrus S. Van Amringe have to this my last will and testament set my hands and seal this twenty second day of October Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred & sixty one.

C. S. Van Amringe Test

Signed, sealed published and declared by the above named

Cyrus S. Van Amringe as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses therunto.

Wm A. Whithead

W. C. Craig.

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This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of C. S. Van Amringe, was exhibited in open Court by George O. Van Amringe Jr. and Levi A. Hart, the executors therein named, and offered for probate; and the due execution of the same, by the said C. S. Van Amringe, was proved by the oath and examination of Wm. A. Whithead, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that W. C. Craig, the other subscribing witness is dead; it is considered by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of C. S. Van Amringe, and sufficient to convey the bequest therein made. It is ordered that the same be recorded and filed. At the same time Geo. O. Van Amringe Jr. and Levi A. Hart, appeared in Court and were duly qualified as executors.

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Samuel P. Branting Clerk
Jm. Wood & Ry. clk