

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bennett Tanner, deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by William B. Tanner and Charles Tanner, the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Bennett Tanner was proved by the oath and examination of William M. Peiper, and Edward F. Casen the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the due execution of the said paper writing, with the Codicil thereto, and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Bennett Tanner, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And therefore the said William B. Tanner, and Charles Tanner, executors as aforesaid, duly qualify as such, by taking the oath required by law.

Teste R. B. Reed Jr.

Registered March 20th 1868

Clerk

David S. Reed.

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In the name of God, Amen.

I, George C. Fennell, alias Walker being in good health of body, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity so to do, do make & publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

I hereby constitute and appoint Richard C. Grant of the town of Wilmington the executor of this my last will & testament, and it is my will that out of the first monies of mine coming into his hands he shall pay off and discharge all my just and honest debts.

And it is my will and I hereby authorize and specially direct my said Executor to cause to be emancipated, as soon as possible after my death, my slave Margaret Ann, and her daughter Mary Elizabeth together with all other children which the said Margaret Ann may hereafter have, (the said Margaret Ann being at present my wife), and it is my will further that my executor shall sell all my personal estate of every description, and all my real estate (consisting at present of one lot devised to me by my mother Appeline S. Walker, being in the town of Wilmington at the North West intersection of Sixth &

Chestnut Streets, and at the Southeastern part of Block No. 195) and appropriate as much of the proceeds of said sale to the expenses of effecting their emancipation as may be necessary, and the residue thereof to give to the said Margaret Ann as her sole property upon her emancipation being effected.

3rd But should the said Margaret Ann after full information upon the law and facts touching her emancipation, positively refuse to comply with the conditions and provisions rendered necessary in Law to effect that purpose, then and in that event I give devise and bequeath to Richard H. Grant, Wm W. Peden, James T. Miller & W. C. Pettencourt and to the survivors and survivor of them all my real and personal estate property and effects including the said Margaret Ann, and her children now or hereafter born.

In testimony whereof I the said George E. Fennell alias Walker have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of April Anno Domini eighteen hundred & fifty four.

George E. ^{his} Fennell (seal)
mark.

Signed, sealed, published

& declared by the said

George E. Fennell alias

Walker as his last will

& testament, in the presence

of us, who in his presence, and at his request have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

Chas W Hall

E. A. Anderson

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, June Term 1868

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George E. Fennell, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, by Richard H. Grant, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said George E. Fennell is proved by the oath and examination of E. A. Anderson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said George E. Fennell, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Richard H. Grant, executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such, by taking the oath required by law.

Done

Wood D. Clerk.

Registered July 15th 1868.

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