

Office J. B. B. the witnesses who were specially required by the
 testator to bear witness thereto, and who subscribed the same when
 reduced to writing, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the
 Court that the next of kin of the deceased are not convenient
 to be found, it is therefore considered by the Court that the
 said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said
 John H. Pickett, and the same is ordered to be recorded, and
 filed. And thereupon the said J. W. Pickett executor as afore-
 said duly qualified as such by ^{the} oath required by law.

Teste R. B. Wood Jr. Clerk

State of North Carolina
 New Hanover County

I, Isaac C. Sumb of the above
 named State, and County being of sound mind, and memory,
 but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make
 and publish this my last will and testament in manner and
 form as follows that is to say:

First: that my Executor shall provide for my body a decent
 burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay
 all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereover, and
 to whatsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come in
 his hands as part or parcel of my Estate.

1st I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac H. Sumb the following
 tract of land including the plantation whereon I now live. Beginning
 on William A. Sumb corner on the west side of Cypress Creek, and
 bounded by H. A. Sumb, Jacob, and Henry Mephisto's lands to the north
 of Cypress Creek thence a direct line to the north west branch, thence
 up the run of said branch to the head thereof, thence East to
 White Bay, thence with D. J. Perdeaux, J. H. Moore and G. H.
 Walker line to the run of Cypress Creek thence up said run
 to the first station, containing two hundred acres more or less.

2nd I give and bequeath to my two nieces, Thankful J. Corbin
 and Mary Ann Collins one tract of land on the West side
 of Cypress Creek, known as Spring Hill Land, bounded
 by J. H. Walker, John D. Hatter and W. A. Sumb's lands
 containing three hundred acres more or less.

3rd I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of
 my land, lying on both sides of Cypress Creek to my
 three daughters, Thankful Miller, Eliza Jane Jones, and
 Hannah Caroline Robinson, bounded as follows by
 John Caston, Wiley Moore, Garriph and others, containing
 one thousand acres more or less.

4th I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property
 after mentioned do sell all the balance of my property
 of every description and divide the proceeds thereof
 among all my children that is to say, Thankful Jane

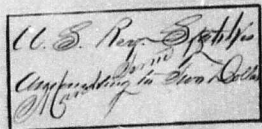
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Greene, Mary A. Collins, Thankful Miller, Eliza J. Jones, Hannah C. Robinson, Wm. A. Sams, Isaac S. Sams and Martha Sams, and Margaret Henderson, Thankful Jones, Green, and Mary Ann Collins is to have only one share between them.

It is my wish and will that my son Isaac Sams take care of and provide for my daughter Martha Sams as long as she live. And I hereby do hereby constitute and appoint my son William A. Sams and my son in law Daniel Robinson my true and lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, And every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me made heretofore.

In Witness whereof I Isaac C. Sams do hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of December A.D. 1865

Witness
M. C. Collins
Robert W. Moore

Isaac C. Sams
Mark



State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court. March Term 1866
This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Isaac C. Sams deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by William A. Sams, and Daniel Robinson the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Isaac C. Sams is proved by the oath and examination of M. C. Collins, and R. W. Moore 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 Isaac C. Sams, and the same is entered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said William A. Sams and Daniel Robinson, executors as aforesaid duly qualify as such by taking the oath required by law

R. B. Wood Jr. Clerk