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State of North Carolina

Low Canover County Court September Term 1888

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I Jesse Hardison of the County of Onslow and State aforesaid being of Sound mind and ~~memory~~ Considering the uncertainty of this life. do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Miley Bishop during her life time the plantation on which she now lives known as my Barton place including the dwelling house and all other appurtenances thereto belonging and at her death to be equally divided as hereafter directed.

I give and bequeath to my Grand Son John Bishop one half of my Halland point land to be on the western side and lying on Mill Creek to commence at the Sound and run up to the head line of said Halland point land.

I Give and bequeath to my Grand Son Jacob Bishop the remaining half of said Halland point land together with the eastern half of the plantation on which his mother Miley Bishop now lives at her death to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

The remaining half of said place on which Miley Bishop now lives. I give and bequeath to John Bishop at the death of his mother to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

It is further my will that in case of the death, either John Bishop, or Jacob Bishop, without leaving lawful heirs, that said lands willed them by me go to the surviving Brother John Bishop or Jacob Bishop as the case may be leaving out in this part also my grand son Jesse Bishop.

I give and to my grand daughters Mary E. Batson and Cely Anderson one thousand dollars each to be paid them by my Executor in money or good notes to that amount. It is furthermore my will that if after paying all just claims against me. paying my funeral Expenses and giving off the legacies herein mentioned there should be a surplus found not willed by me that it be equally divided between my four grand children John Bishop, Jacob Bishop, Mary E. Batson, and Cely Anderson. And I do constitute and appoint Will King and my Grand Son John Bishop my Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last

Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills and Testaments by me ~~now~~ heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Jesse Hardison here to this my last will and testament Set my hand and Seal this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August One thousand eight hundred & fifty Seven

David J. Nixon  
A. M. McKinnon

Jesse Hardison (Seal)

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New Hanover County Court. September Term 1858.

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Jesse Hardison is exhibited in open Court and offered for probate and is duly proved by the oaths of David J. Nixon and A. M. McKinnon the Subscribing witnesses thereto and as such considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and Testament of said Jesse Hardison in every respect and sufficient to carry the bequests therein made. Let the same be registered & filed. At the same time Will King one of the executors therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as such according to Law. and John Bishop the other executor, came into Court and renounced his executorship.

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Amos Bunting Clerk

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of Wilmington State aforesaid. being of sound mind and memory. but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make publish and declare this my last will and Testament in manner & form following hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

It is my will and I hereby direct that my Executors, herein after named shall pay all my just debts out of the moneys that shall first come into their hands as part and parcel of my estate, and after the said debts shall have been paid. I desire that my executors shall erect a Tomb or monument over my grave with an iron fence around the same. The Costs of which Tomb or monument and fence shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my Sister Harriett wife of Josiah