

I, John M. Corbett of the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

That my executor, (hereafter named) 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, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Eliza, all of my lands to have and to hold her life time.

I give and devise to my wife all of my negroes, to have and to hold, her life time, and at her death the said negro property to be equally divided, one half to go to my people, and the other half to go to my wife's people as she may feel disposed to distribute it among them.

I give and devise to my wife all of my horses, hogs, cattle and all other property owned by me whatsoever.

I John M. Corbett, do appoint my trusty friend James Kerr, my executor, for the purpose of carrying out the true intent and meaning of said will.

In testimony of which, I, John M. Corbett do hereunto set my hand and seal this November 17th, 1857.

The foregoing was signed and delivered in our presence, and signed by us at his request.

J. B. Searcy

J. A. Corbett

John M. Corbett - Seal

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, Decemr Term, A. D. 1857.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John M. Corbett, was exhibited in open Court, and offered for probate, and was duly proved by the oath of J. B. Searcy and J. A. Corbett, subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed, and ordered to be registered: at the same time James Kerr, the executor therein named appeared in Court, and was duly qualified as such.

Teste.

Saml R Bunting, Clerk.

I, Matthew and State of North Carolina, but considering the same and declare this my form as follows, that

First - That I provide for my body a decent burial, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into

Item, 1st - I John M. Corbett, do appoint my trusty friend James Kerr, my executor, for the purpose of carrying out the true intent and meaning of said will.

Item, 2nd - I Elizabeth Johnston, do appoint my trusty friend James Kerr, my executor, for the purpose of carrying out the true intent and meaning of said will.

Item, 3rd - I John M. Corbett, do appoint my trusty friend James Kerr, my executor, for the purpose of carrying out the true intent and meaning of said will.

And lastly - I, John M. Corbett, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Will and Testament of John M. Corbett, as the same was read in open Court, and as the same was proved by the oath of J. B. Searcy and J. A. Corbett, subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed, and ordered to be registered: at the same time James Kerr, the executor therein named appeared in Court, and was duly qualified as such.