

of Matthew Sawtore is proved by the oath of and examination of John J. Conoley and William S. Anderson, 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 Matthew Sawtore, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

At the same time Thomas W. Brown the Executor named, in said will, appears in open Court, and renounces the executership of the same, which is record by the Court.

Wherefore Oliver A. Sumner is appointed administrator Cum testamento Amicus of the said Matthew Sawtore, the first executing bond with Edw. D. Hall, as surety in the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars for the due administration of the Estate. Bond excepted in open Court and the duty qualified.

Testo R. J. Mord Jr Clerk

On the 28th day of February A. D. 1866 John W. Puckett late pilot in the U. S. Navy, died at the house of Mr. John Bequith in Wilmington N. C. about the hour of 9 O'Clock in the forenoon. On the evening before his death he called to his bedside Mrs. Eliza Jane Savage, and her daughter Alice J. Bolton, and specially required them to bear witness to his will which was as follows: "I'll my brother James W. Puckett to take charge of my property; to keep my watch for himself and to give the balance of my property to my mother". The said nuncupative will was made by the said John W. Puckett in his last sickness as aforesaid, at the house of Mr. Bequith, where he was boarding at the time he was taken sick, and had been boarding for about fifteen days before his death.

The testimony of which facts the said Mrs. Eliza Jane Savage, and the said Alice J. Bolton have hereto set their hands, on this seventh (7th) day of March A. D. 1866 and within ten days of the death of the said John W. Puckett

Witness

John J. Conell

Eliza J. Savage
Alice J. Bolton

U. S. Receipts
Shew for One
Dollar

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court March Term 1866
This paper writing purporting to contain the last (nuncupative) will and testament of John W. Puckett deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by James W. Puckett the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John W. Puckett is proved by the oath and examination of Eliza J. Savage and

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.

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 C. 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