

New Hanover County } County Court. September Term 1895.
 The execution of this Will was proved by
 James Rackliffe one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to
 be filed, at same time John Pickett qualified as Executor, thereto.
 Witness
 Thos. F. Davis. Ck.

State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover County }

In the name of God Amen.
 I, Joel Parish of the State and County aforesaid, calling to mind the
 uncertainty of life, and knowing that it is appointed for all men
 to die, and being about to embark on a voyage to sea, fully apprized
 of the dangers thereof, do make and ordain this my last will and
 testament, in the manner and form following, that is to say, first of
 all, I commend my soul to the care of Almighty God who gave it,
 humbly confiding through his divine grace and providence to reap
 an endless life of bliss and happiness in eternity. Touching my worldly
 goods wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with in this life
 I dispose of the same in the following manner.
 1st. I give and bequeath unto my son James L. Parish, all my lands
 on the east side of Long Creek, including the plantation now seised
 on, and the Mulberry, containing eleven hundred and seventy five
 acres, also the following negroes Rachel, Joe, Tim, Amy and her child
 dson Nell and Charles, and Henijah and Lou.
 2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Catharine Maria Parish
 a tract of land on the west side of Long Creek, containing three hundred
 and a fifty acres, also the following negroes Zeph and her two
 children baird and Peg, Nance and her three children Elan, Dealy,
 and Maria, also Aggy and Taph.
 3rd. I give and bequeath to my sister, Mary Walker, one feather bed
 and curtains, to be chosen by her.
 It is my desire that so much of my perishable property be sold as
 will be sufficient to discharge my debts amounting to about, six
 hundred dollars and the debts are and collected.
 It is further my desire that my negroes be kept together, and employed
 in keeping up and cultivating the plantation now seised on and the
 Mulberry making such additional clearing and improvements as
 may be deemed necessary, so as not to exhaust the soil by continued
 cultivation of the same ground; and that the care thereof be committed

by my managers, trustees or cropers as they may judge most
advisable, and that the profits arising therefrom be appropriated
to the schooling, clothing and maintaining of my children,
and it is further my desire that if all of my negroes cannot, be
advantageously employed in farming as aforesaid, that then five and
thirty be annually hired out, and in case Rachel or Joe or any of the
others should become superannuated and worn out or otherwise inca-
pacitated for labour, that they be taken particular care of and supported
by my estate.

Finally, I hereby appoint to execute this my last Will and Testament,
my brother, Richard Parish and brothers in law Thomas D King and
James Larkins Junr, vesting them with discretionary powers to vary
any part of this my Will, where the execution of the same may be
deemed impolitic or impracticable.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal 25th April
1817.

R. Parish. Seal

New Hanover County } County Court. August Term 1817

The within Will was exhibited in open Court,
and proved by Gabriel Holmes Junior, Evan Larkins and Anthony D
Bordeaux, who proved that the said Will and every part thereof is in
the handwriting of Joel Parish Esquire, the testator; and ordered to be
recorded; and at the same time Richard Parish and James Larkins,
qualified as Executors thereto.

Witness

Thos H Davis. Clk.

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County

In the name of God. Arrued.
Mary Poisson of the State and County aforesaid, being sick and weak
of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make
publish and declare this instrument of writing to be and contain
my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills or Testa-
ments by me heretofore made.
Impressio. The whole of my property real and personal, I give and
bequeath to my two sons John and Louis Poisson (except such bequests
as are herein after devised) to be equally divided between them, and
I request my Executors, that whatever surplus of profits arising
from my estate after educating and supporting my said sons
be laid out in Bank, stock, for the benefit of them my said sons.
I give, devise and bequeath to my Aunt Mrs. Sophia Ashed
eight of my best sitting chairs, my dining table and tea table, two