

In the name of God. Amen:

I Settle Hoard of the town of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make, ordain and publish this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made

First. I desire and direct that my Executor hereinafter named, shall pay and discharge my funeral expences, and all my just debts of every kind, out of the first monies which may be realized from my estate after my death.

Secondly. I give, devise and bequeath all my property and rights of property of every kind, and wheresoever situate (except the stock, in trade, and debts due me by reason of and properly connected with my store or stores in the town of Wilmington, heretofore and now under the management and direction of my Agent D. R. Peison, and hereafter to be particularly mentioned), unto my beloved wife Ann Hoard during her natural life; and at her death to my Executor hereinafter named, his heirs, executors and administrators forever.

In Trust, nevertheless for the sole and separate use, benefit and behoof of my beloved niece Martha Ann Peison, wife of my said Executor, during her natural life, absolutely freed and discharged of all manner, of liability, for the debts, obligations and contracts of her said husband, and at her death in trust for such person or persons, as she by her last will may direct and appoint; and for want of such appointment, they in trust for her next of kin.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath, all my stock, in trade, goods, wares and merchandize in and belonging to my stores in the town of Wilmington, heretofore and now under the management of my Executor hereinafter named, and all the debts due me, arising from and properly connected with the same, unto my said Executor, for the trusts and purposes and with and under the powers, provisions and conditions following, that is to say, he must, that he will diligently and faithfully, hold, use and apply the same, to and for carrying on such merchandize, trade or business in the town of Wilmington aforesaid, in such manner, and to such extent as he may judge best and most advantageous to my estate, always intending that such trade and business shall sustain itself, and not derive any other, or further aid or benefit from my estate, than the stock, and debts above mentioned. And to that end do hereby authorize and empower him as my Executor, to sign and make bills, notes, drafts and acceptances, receipts and acquittances, and all other usual and

proper papers and instruments; and with the profits of
 such trade or business he shall first pay and satisfy all my
 just debts; and after payment thereof, he shall apply the
 said profits to and for the use and benefit of my beloved wife
 during her life; and at her death for the sole and separate
 use, benefit and behoof of my said niece Martha Ann
 Peirson during her life, without any liability for the debts
 or contracts of her said husband, and at her death will
 hold and apply said stock, with its increase and accumu-
 -ation, if any, and the debts arising therefrom, in trust for
 such person or persons, as my said niece by her last shall
 direct and appoint; and for want of such appointments,
 in trust for her next of kin; and if after my debts are
 all paid, my said Executor should find it best and most
 advantageous to leave off the said business, trade or maner-
 -andize, he shall sell the said stock, and collect the said
 debts and dues, and invest the monies so arising, in such
 property as he may think fit, to be held and applied by
 him in trust for my wife for life, and at her death in trust
 for my said niece Martha Ann Peirson, to and for the interest
 and estate, and with and under the limitations, conditions,
 and restrictions hereinbefore set forth and more other,
 Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my friend Paul Kinspoken,
 Peirson to be Executor of this my will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this
 tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thous-

and eight hundred and forty nine
 Signed, published declared by
 the Testator to be his last will
 and Testament in the presence
 of us, who in his presence, and at
 his request, have subscribed the
 same as witnesses (the words "profits")
 on 2nd page interlined before execution

Jeth Hoard

Geo. Davis
 P. D. Peirson

State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover County Court } December Term 1849
 This paper writing purporting to be the last will
 and Testament of Jeth Hoard deceased is exhibited in open
 Court for probate, and duly proven by the oath of George Davis
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: Whereupon it is considered
 and adjudged by the Court, that the same is the last will and

Testament of Letitia Roberson, and as such ordered to be recorded and filed: at the same time Van Raussean, Peirson the Executor therein named duly qualified as such,

Teste

L. H. Marsteller, Ck.,

In the Name of God Amen.

I: Letitia Kitty Roberson of the Town of Wilmington in the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, being feeble in bodily health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God, do make and publish this to be my last and Testament in manner, and form followingly

First. I desire and direct that my body be decently interred and the expense thereof defrayed out of the first monies arising to my estate after my death.

Secondly. I give, devise and bequeath all my estate and property of every kind and wheresoever situate to my beloved niece Catherine Ellen Fitzharris of Fayetteville in the State aforesaid, her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns forever.

Lastly. I nominate and appoint George Davis Esq. to be Executor, of this my Will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of November, A. D. 1849, signed, published and declared by the Testatrix to be her last Will in the presence of us, who in her presence and at her request have subscribed the same as witnesses.

L. Kitty Roberson,

Jalcoth Burr
Christian M. Martin

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County Court } December Term 1849.
The last Will and Testament of L. Kitty Roberson is exhibited in open Court and duly proven by the oath of Jalcoth Burr one of the subscribing witnesses thereunto. Whereupon it is considered and adjudged by the Court, that the same is the last Will and Testament of L. Kitty Roberson, and as such sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed, and ordered to be recorded and filed: at the same time George Davis the Executor therein named duly qualified as such.

Teste L. H. Marsteller, Ck.