

Wilmington Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup> 1852 New Hanover  
County State of North Carolina

I Owen H Rankin having lately passed through a dangerous illness do deem it expedient to declare my wishes in respect to the disposition of my money or property I may be possessed of at my decease

I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Robert G Rankin, Executor & Guardian of my child Henry Perrin Rankin, and do hereby empower him to act as said Executor and Guardian, to the full extent of the laws of the State authorized and the affection he may feel for my wife & child induce.

I do hereby direct that any money or other property possessed by me at my decease may be securely invested, that the greatest possible income may be derived therefrom, to be devoted to the & Oliver maintenance of my wife Mary and child. My wife Mary retaining her interest in said property during her natural life, provided she remains a widow during that period.

In case of the death or marriage of my wife Mary the income derived from said money or property to be devoted exclusively to the support and education of my child, and he shall succeed to and hold in his own right all said money or property and all increase accruing therefrom. My brother Robert is hereby instructed that it is my express wish & command that my child shall not be removed from under the eye & care of his paternal relations, that it is my express desire that he remain among the educated with them & that he be taught to cultivate the warmest feeling of affection towards them.

If in God's providence my brother Robert should be unable to fulfill the obligations hereby imposed on him I do hereby, delegate his power hereby invested to either of my Cousins Henry Perrin or Dr William Harris either of whom my wife may choose at her pleasure

In testimony whereof I do hereby subscribe my hand & seal

Owen H Rankin (Seal)

Witness  
S W Dunham  
M M Spicer

State of North Carolina  
New Hanover County Amb

Same Term 1852

This paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Owen H Rankin is exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the oath of S W Dunham one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon it is considered & adjudged by the Court that the same is the last Will & Testament of Owen H Rankin & as such ordered to be read & filed: Whereupon Robert G Rankin the Executor therein named duly qualified as such. L H Marshall Clerk  
By Dan Dickson Dy Clerk