

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
New Hanover County } March Term 1813

The execution of the within last Will and Testament of William Pickett was proved by the oath of William Bladworth, who swore he believed the signature of William Jones the subscribing witness thereto be in proper handwriting of the said William Jones. Ordered that the same be filed.

Witness

Amthly B. Jones, Clerk

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County }

In the name of God. Amen.
I Thomas Pickett being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and memory, doth make, ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament
First. I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and believing a redemption of my sins; and my body to be decently interred by my Executors. My worldly estate I give and divide as follows.
I leave unto my loving wife Elizabeth Pickett the plantation containing 200 acres of land, where my son John Pickett now lives, and ten cows and calves, ten breeding sows, one sornel mare & saddle, one bed and furniture, half a dozen of plates, one table, one chest, one pot, two chairs, one three year old beef steer, 500 weight of Pork, 30 bushels corn; and after her decease to be equally divided among her four children.
And after my just debts are paid, I give and bequeath unto my four sons John, Hosea, Jacob and Ephraim, the remainder of my land, Ephraim 120 acres where my house stands; and the remainder of my property to be equally divided amongst John, Hosea, Jacob, Ephraim, Mary and Nancy, and 100 dollars to Mary, and 100 dollars to Nancy, to be paid by John, Hosea and Jacob out of their parts of the property.
Also I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Pickett five shillings sterling, which shall be paid out of my estate.
And I do hereby appoint John Pickett and Richard Nixon Executors to this my first and last Will and Testament, whereof I do hereby set my hand and fix my seal in the presence of us in the year of our Lord 1802 September 18th.
James R. R. }
George M. }
Rebecca M. }

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Thomas + Pickett (Seal)
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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. Cky.

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 once
 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 Henrich and John.
 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