

State of North Carolina } September Term 1855
 New Hanover County } This paper writing purporting to be
 the last Will & Testament of Nathan Green is Exhibited in Open
 Court & offered for probate and is duly proven by the oath of
 Paul Ingers one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such
 considered by the Court to be and contain the last will &
 Testament of said Nathan and sufficient to convey the property
 therein bequeathed & ordered to be recorded & filed at the same
 time L G Wright the Executor therein named appeared in
 Open Court & was duly qualified according to law

Teste

Sam^l R. Printing Clk

I Melvain Herring of the County of New Hanover and
 State of North Carolina Being of Sound Mind & Memory
 but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do
 make and do publish this my last will & Testament in manner
 and form following that is to say that is to say that my
 Executors hereinafter named 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
 however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that
 may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my
 estate Item I give and devise to my daughter Margaret
 Montague all of my land and all of my Negroes and all
 of my stock of Cattle & hogs & sheep & horses except one Cow
 and Calf all of my house hold & kitchen furniture except one
 Bed & furniture or the remainder after paying my Just
 debts also my Paroach & wagon & Saddle & Harness. I give to
 my Cousin Susan Herring one Cow & Calf as good as in my
 stock & one good bed & furniture to have & to hold to her the
 said Margaret Montague land & Negroes, stock & furniture
 for and during the term of her natural and at her death
 it is my will that my Land and Negroes be equally divided
 between my daughter Margaret Montague & children it is
 my will that my Executors have full power to prevent any
 person from carrying any of my Negroes out of the State
 of North Carolina and it my wish that they prevent it
 And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my trusty friends
 James Harrison and Samuel S. Herring my lawful Executors
 to intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament
 according to the true intent and meaning of the same

and every part and clause thereof hereby ~~proving~~ ^{proving} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~declaring~~ ^{declaring} ~~attest~~ ^{attest} ~~void~~ ^{void} all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said William Herring do hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty six

Signed Seal & published & declared by the said W^m Herring to be his last

William ^{his} Herring seal
mark

Will & Testament in the presence of us without his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto. Enrolled before signed

James Garrison
S H Bell

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This paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of William Herring is returned & exhibited in open Court & offered for probate is duly proven by the oath of James Garrison one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & as such considered by the Court to be & contain the same & as such sufficient to convey the bequests therein made & such as such orders to be recorded & filed

Teste

Sam R Bunting CLK