

In the name of God amen: I William Thompson of the
town of Wilmington in County of New Hanover and State of
North Carolina being a doaness in years but healthy of
sound mind memory and understanding for which blessing
I most devotedly thank my God do make declare & publish
tho my last will & Testament in manner and form following
that is to say First I give & devise unto my beloved wife
Ann Thompson her heirs & assigns forever the amount of my
life Insurance in the North Carolina Mutual Insurance
Company Say Five hundred Dollars.

Second I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann
Thompson One Vote of hand against Abigail Sprunt
for the Sum of Three hundred Dollars.

Third I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann
Thompson my bedsteads bedding and all the furniture
belonging thereto also all my household & kitchen furniture
except one clock & the Silver that has the initials of my
daughter Catharine Mothers name engraved upon them.

Fourth I give & bequeath unto my wife Ann Thompson all
my Acres Calves and perishable property on the premises.

Fifth It is my express desire wish and intution well
direction having first paid thereout my funeral expenses.

Lastly I do hereby appoint my friend Thomas N Harvey executor
in this my last will & Testament and hereby revoking and
annulling all former & other wills and testaments by me made
and published.

In Witness whereof I the said William Thompson have hereunto
set my hand & Seal this Twelfth day of December 1855

Witnessed Signed & sealed & delivered in presence of us as Witnesses by his request
J. I. Hedrick H. Burr

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court Term Term 1856

This paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Wm Thompson
is exhibited to the Court and offered for probate and is duly proven
by the oath of H Burr & J I Hedrick both the subscribing witnesses
thereto and as such considered by the Court to be & contain the
last will & Testament of said Wm Thompson and as such approved
to carry the bequeaths therein made & ordered to be recorded
and filed at the same time Thomas N Harvey the executor
therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified
according to Law

Teste

J. R. Brantley J. R.

A paper writing in the following words and figures by
Bring about to enter into mortal combat the issue of which
I cannot tell I deem it prudent in the event of my death that
I shall leave behind me that will as a means to divide
the little of my worldly goods that I possess shall be disposed
off First I desire that all my debts shall be promptly paid
I give and bequeath to my dear sisters Mary Lucy & Sophia
my Negroes with the exception of my boy Washington and him
I desire to be given by my administrator to my dear friend
John Walker Jr. (Now in California) my real estate I desire
to be divided between my dear sisters Mary Lucy & Sophia
Reserving Two hundred & fifty dollars which amount I desire
expended for a gold watch to be presented to my friend W. W.
Walker of Wilmington NC as a token of my regard
all the above I acknowledge to be my last will & Testament
this the 1st day of May 1854 made in the town of Wilmington
North Carolina Witness my hand & Seal
W. C. Wellkings (Seal)

Was offered for probate by John S. Taylor and W. W. Walker
by their attorney Du Pont Cutlar Esquire as the last will
& Testament of W. C. Wellkings deceased and the due execution
thereof was proved by the oath of Samuel P. Bunting John S.
Taylor and David C. Bunting who swore that they were
well acquainted with the handwriting of the said deceased
and that they did verily believe that the said paper writing
and every part thereof was in the proper handwriting of the said
deceased. It was also further proved by said Taylor that on the
day of the death of said deceased Wellkings said Wellkings
deceased said Taylor and one Waddell Thompson David C.
Bunting (the said Heirs) that the aforesaid paper writing pur-
porting to be his will was in his said Wellkings bed room in
Wilmington in the house of said Bunting (said Wellkings
Brother in Law) up stairs in the upper drawer of his said Wellkings
Bureau Drawer and said Bunting testified that he found
said paper writing in said Wellkings Bureau Drawer in which
he kept his clothes and that the paper writing here is exhibited
for probate is the same thus by him found in said Bureau
Bureau whereupon the Court ordered & adjudged that the same
deceased sufficient in law to pass real & personal estate of said
deceased. David C. Bunting was on motion appointed administrator
with the will annexed of said Wellkings and duly qualified
which having entered into bond in the sum of \$2000 with
Bunting and Dr. Thomas J. H. H. Secretary