

iron safe in drawer thereof among the bonds, notes and money of said deceased and other valuable papers & effects of deceased, W. K. Delaney an attesting witness was duly sworn and testified to the execution of said paper, whereupon it is declared by the Court that said paper writing is the last will and testament of Willie Brown dead, and it is ordered to be recorded and filed. The said W. K. B. Brown the executor therein named is allowed to qualify
J. A. Daney Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Smith deceased in the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Smith of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina. Being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say, first that my executor I want to be Witherington 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 last debts howsoever due to whomsoever owing out of his monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my now only living child Susan Elizabeth Witherington all of my property that is contained in my house except one bed and furniture which exception is to my grand daughter Susan Elizabeth Harris. Also to her the said grand daughter one Cow & Calf.

Item 3rd. Also to my daughter Susan Elizabeth Witherington all of my sheep and hogs, and also one mule named Bob, and all of my poultry Chickens & Turkeys.

Item 4th. All the balance of my estate to be sold by my executor I want to be Witherington and equally divided between my three legal heirs, all of which I declare to be my last will & testament whereunto I set my hand & seal, signed in the presence of

the following witnesses:
Barbary Nelson
D. F. Smith
C. J. Smith
Elizabeth Smith
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Ivan K. Witherington comes into Court and offers for probate this paper writing as the last will and testament of Elizabeth Smith dead, and the same is admitted to probate upon the testimony of Elizabeth Nelson, D. F. Smith and C. J. Smith the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn testified each of them that they attested said paper writing in the presence of said testatrix at her request and at the time of doing she was of sound disposing mind and memory. Thereupon the Court declares said paper writing to be the last will and testament of said Elizabeth Smith and orders that it be recorded and filed.

And the said Ivan K. Witherington the Executor therein named is duly qualified as such in open Court
J. A. Daney Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Sherrod Tyson
I Sherrod Tyson of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I give my Notes and money to my beloved wife and Child to be divided equal among them all to share and share alike

Item. I loan all the ballance of my property to my beloved wife N. J. Tyson during her natural life or widowhood to stay in common stock until my oldest child becomes of age then the oldest to draw out her share and as they become of age each one to draw their share as they become of age. my wife N. J. Tyson to share equal with my children in my personal property. & my wife N. J. Tyson should marry again I want my personal property equally divided between my wife and all my children to share and share alike.

Item. if my wife should marry again I loan to her during her natural life the land on which I now live on the north side of the road leading from N. Sheppard to R. L. Tyson containing about two hundred acres in lieu of dower.

Item. The balance of my land I want equal divided amongst all my children and the land I have loaned to my wife provided she should marry after her death I give to my children to be divided equal to share and share alike. I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife N. J. Tyson my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

November 19th 1864

Sherrod Tyson

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This paper writing was offered for probate by N. J. Tyson the executor named therein as the last will and testament of Sherrod Tyson dead and was admitted to probate upon the testimony of Henry Sheppard, Matthew L. Carr and Robert E. Turnage three credible witnesses all known to the Court, who being duly sworn testify each of them that they are acquainted with the hand writing of said testator and that they verily believe said paper writing and every part thereof and the signature thereto is in the hand writing of said Sherrod Tyson and that said paper writing was found among his valuable papers and effects to wit, among his promissary notes, bonds and other valuable papers.

Whereupon it is declared that said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Sherrod Tyson dead, and that it be recorded and filed. The said N. J. Tyson is allowed to qualify and letters testamentary are directed to be issued to her

J. A. Daney Clerk