State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions
Pitt County } November Term 1863

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse S. Parker is produced and propounded for probate by James Parker Executor therein named and the said James Parker Parker and Sherrod Dixon the witnesses therein named being duly sworn say that they saw the said Jesse S. Parker sign and seal and heard him publish and declare that said paper writing to be his last will and testament and at the ~~same~~ time of doing they say that the said Jesse was of sound and disposing mind and memory. They further testify that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence and at his request. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is and it is hereby allowed by the Court to be the last will and testament of the said Jesse S Parker effectual to pass both real and personal estate and it is ordered that the said paper and this certificate of probate be recorded

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I Eliza A. Graham 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: I give to my sister Sarah C. Chamberlain during her natural life all of my property both real & personal or possible and after her death I give the same to her children to them and their heirs forever. In witness whereof I the Eliza A. Graham do declare this to be my last will and Testament in presence of us

Signed & sealed this 20th of June 1846

Charles Greene — Eliza A. Graham (Seal)
W. H. Banner

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } November Term 1861

Then was the foregoing paper writing produced in open Court and it appearing that Chas Greene and William H. Banner the two subscribing witnesses are both dead. L. B. Beasley, C. Perkins and A. S. Jordan were sworn who severally deposed that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of said Greene and Banner and that their signatures to said paper were in their own proper hand writing. It was then considered by the Court that said paper writing had been duly proved to be the last will and Testament of Eliza A. Graham dec'd. so made and executed as to pass both real and personal estate and it further appeared that at the time of the death of said Testatrix that she resided in Pitt County. It was then ordered that said will with this certificate be recorded and filed

G. A. Dancy Clerk

In the name of God, Amen!

I Richard Evans of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt 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

Item 1 I lend my land to my beloved sisters Cornelia Nancy & Elizabeth to hold during their natural life or maidenhood. Should one or more of said sisters marry they no longer have any benefits of said land and their rights become null and void and the unmarried one or one of the said sisters hold the land during their lives and after the death or marriage of said sisters I leave my Lands to be sold and equitably divided between all my brothers & sisters lawful heirs to hold during their lives

Item 2 I give to my beloved sisters Cornelia Nancy & Elizabeth all my stock of every kind all my corn meat and crop should there be any on my Lands at my death to have and to hold forever

Item 3 I give and bequeath all my money after my lawful debts is paid be equitably divided among my lawful brothers and sisters

Item 4 I give and bequeath all my household & kitchen furniture to my sisters Cornelia Nancy & Elizabeth to have and to hold forever

In presence of these witnesses I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th of July 1866

Richard Evans (Seal)

Chris Perkins
John Perkins

North Carolina } Pitt County } September 1862

Then was the within paper writing produced in open court and proved in due form of law to be the last will and testament of Richard Evans dec'd. so made and executed as to pass both real and personal estate proved by the oath of Chris Perkins one of the subscribing witnesses the other witness being in the State of Massachusetts. Let said will and this certificate be recorded and filed

G. A. Dancy C.C.

The last will and testament of Gold Hoyt.

I Gold Hoyt of Greenville North Carolina publish and declare my last will and testament to be as follows

Item 1 I give and bequeath all my property both real personal and mixed and the increase thereof to my beloved wife Martha Ann Hoyt for the term of her natural life & furthermore give to my said wife the power to sell any of said property for the purpose of investing the same in equally profitable estate and also confer the same power on my executor herein after mentioned to be performed only with the consent of my said wife in writing

Item 2 After the death of my said wife I give and bequeath the aforesaid property and the increase thereof to my children Phillip H. Hoyt shall and Mary Eliza Nancy and my Grand daughter Martha Ann Sherrod, equally to be divided among them share and share alike or to the surviving of them or their children or descendants at the death of my said wife; and if either of my said children or

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grandaughter die without children surviving, it is my will that such ones share go to the surviving or their descendants (children is meant)

Item 3 I nominate and appoint my brother James E. Hoyt and E. C. Gillawley my executors.

Signed published and declared by Gould Hoyt in our presence to be his last will and testament who have attested the same at his request, and in his presence this 11th day of September 1858 (Gould Hoyt (Seal))

The word children is meant between the 10th & 11th & 24 & 25 lines from the top in us

Witnessed before signing
W. W. Johnston
Chas. E. Braswell

Greenville Pitt County June 24th 1859

Since the foregoing will was written I have purchased all of A. W. Marshalls interest in Joseph John Newells Estate which interest is now lent to my Daughter Sally [illegible] Marshall during her life without any control of her husband and after her death I give the said interest entire to the children or child of said Sally or the issue of said children. This addition being in my own proper hand writing requires no witness. Signed as above dated & sealed

Gould Hoyt (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Gould Hoyt deceased was offered for probate by J. J. Dancy and the two subscribing witnesses being dead testimony was adduced to satisfy the Court that the signatures of the testator & the two witnesses were in their own proper hand writing and it being further proved to the Court by three Creditable witnesses that the Codicil of said Will is all in the hand writing of the testator and it being further proved by one witness that said Codicil was found amongst the valuable papers & effects of the deceased. It is adjudged by the Court that the said last Will & testament as well as the Codicil thereto is duly proved according to Law. Ordered therefore that the said will & Codicil together with this probate be recorded.

It appearing to the Court that James E. Hoyt & E. C. Gillowley who are named as executors of the last will & testament of Gould Hoyt renounced their right to qualify and Mrs Hoyt widow of said testator having assigned to J. J. Dancy her right to administer it is ordered by the Court that letters of Administration with the will annexed issue to J. J. Dancy upon his giving bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with James S. Clark & W. A. Cherry as sureties bond given & J. J. Dancy qualified as Admr according to law

J. A. Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I John Newton of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory do in view of the uncertainty of my earthly continuance make publish and declare this to be my last will & Testament in manner and form following to wit:

First I devise that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my remains a plain & decent interment and out of the moneys on hand to pay all my just debts and expenses for settling up & carrying out this my will

Item 1st I give and bequeath to the children of Sarah Williams of the State of Tennesse all the property of any kind which I put in the possession of the said Sarah during her lifetime

Item 2d I give and bequeath to the children of Absaly Johnston State of Tennesse all the property of any kind which I put in the possession of the said Absaly during her life time

Item 3d I give and bequeath to the children of Delphia Peoples all the property of any kind which I put in the possession of the said Delphia during her life time

Item 4th I do devise Walter Newton to act a trustee in the managmt of girl Harriet now in the possession of Lydia Falkner of the State of Tennesse to be managed and controled by the said Walter Newton for the use and benefit of the said Lydia Falkner during her lifetime and that the said Walter Newton may in his discretion allow said girl Harriet to be and remain in the possession of my said daughter and after her death I do give and bequeath said girl Harriet and all her increase now and for the future to the children of the body of the said Lydia by her former husband Frederick Beasly.

Item 5 I give and bequeath to the heirs of John Newton all the property of every description which I put into the possession of the said John during his life time

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my Grandson William Newton son of John one negro by the name of Warren to him and his heirs & assigns forever

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my Grand son James Dupree three thousand dollars to be paid to him by my Executor out of the notes money etc left on hand and if a deficiency of said amount to be made up out of the proceeds of the sale of negroes hereinafter set forth this amount to be paid over to him when he shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years the interest to be applied to his education or so much as may be required and in case the said James Dupree shall die before attaining the said age then and in that event I give and devise the said three thousand dollars to be equally divided between the children of Lydia Beasly. Absaly Johnston. Sarah Williams. Delphia Peoples. John Newton and his wife Martha and Walter Newton this division to be per stirpes, and the said Martha to be considered in the class of John Newton decd.

Item 8th I give and bequeath and devise to my son Walter Newton the tract of land on which I now reside containing my entire landed Estate also all the stock of every description all the farming utensils plantation tools Carts wagons etc. and all the House hold & Kitchen furniture Poultry & every thing on the premises of a perishable nature not otherwise disposed of. My object being to have no sale after my death by my Executor except the negroes hereafter mentioned. Also I give and bequeath to the said Walter Newton negroes, Alfred. Harry. Nathan. Abraham. Mariah. and her future increase and her child now borned Grace. Phelly. Sarah. & Amanda. and old man Peter to him & his heirs and assigns for ever

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