

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Louisa Randolph decd. was produced in open Court and proved in due form of law to be the last will of said Louisa Randolph by the oaths of Jno Peibles and Micajah Lul two subscribing witnesses to the same. It was then ordered by the Court that said paper writing be filed and recorded - Richard Williams the person named as executor in said will gave bond in the sum of \$60 000 with John Randolph and F B Satterthwaite as his sureties which was accepted and the said Richard Williams duly qualified as exr to said will in open Court
G. & Dancy Clerk

I William Hopkins 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 publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.
First - That my executor 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 howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

1st Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Bashuaby Hopkins Three hundred acres of land to be set out by metes and bounds in South end of the tract whereon I now live so as to include my mansion house all out houses and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Bashuaby Hopkins for and during the term of her natural life then to dispose off at her own will pleasure in fee simple for ever.

2nd Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Bashuaby Hopkins Four negroes viz: Anderson Nancy Gray and Ankey, all of my Beds and furniture four Sows and pigs four Cows and Calves two Horses her choice in all the above said stock all the domestic fowl and poultry one Hundred Barrels of Corn eight Stack of fodder her choice twenty five Hundred pounds of Pork all the salt on hand Ten Bushels of seed peas one Rocky way & Turneps all of my Household and Kitchen furniture all of my farming utensils.

3rd Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Bashuaby Hopkins one half of all my notes to have and all the above mentioned to dispose of at her Death at her own will and pleasure in fee simple for ever.

4th Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Henry & Barnhill of Martin County and North Carolina the balance of my tract of land (after allotting to my wife three Hundred Acres) to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

5th Item My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate Estate after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned, shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and all surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my niece Milley Barnhill & the children of Lucia R Powels in equal proportion share and share alike to them and each of and every of them their Executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends Jesse Stanicill (in case of death) J M Jenkins 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 utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said William Hopkins do hereunto set my hand and this 30th day of September A.D. 1862
Signed sealed published and declared by the said Wm Hopkins
to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who
at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names
as witnesses thereto

James Bryan

Gas R Ward

State of North Carolina County Court
Pitt County } May Term 1865

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of William Hopkins decd. is exhibited in open Court for probate by Jesse Stanicill the executor therein named and the due execution thereof duly proved by the oath and examination of James Bryan one of the subscribing witnesses thereto it is thereupon considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will & testament of the said William Hopkins decd. & the same is ordered to be recorded & filed. The said Exr gave bond in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars with S B Beardsley & Casen James & duly qualified according to law.
G. & Dancy Clerk

I Jesse S Parker 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 - That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.
2nd I give and devise to my son Matt my chest of carpenter tools to him and his heirs forever.

3rd I leave all the balance of my property to my beloved wife Sarah Ann during her natural life or widowhood consisting of my land crop stock and provision household and kitchen furniture farming utensils of every description.
4th After the death or marriage of my beloved wife I give the proper landed to her to my four children viz Mary Elizabeth Nancy Catherine Matt and the baby not named to be sold and equal divided share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend James Parker 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 utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. I witness whereof I the said Jesse S Parker do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of July 1862
Signed sealed published and declared by the said Jesse S Parker to be
the last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names
as witnesses thereto

James Parker
Jesse S Parker

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Fitt County } November Term 1863

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse S. Parker is produced and propounded per probate by James Parker Executor therein named and the said James Parker Parker and Sherrod Tison 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 thereupon 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. F. Dancy Clerk

Eliza A. Graham of the County of Seneca 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 passible 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
W. H. Warner

Eliza A. Graham (Seal)

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

There was the foregoing paper writing produced in open Court and it appearing that Charles Greene and William H. Warner the two subscribing witnesses are both dead. L. P. Boardman, C. Perkins and A. C. Jordan were sworn who severally deposed that they were well acquainted with the said writing of said Greene and Warner 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 Fitt County. It was then ordered that said will with this certificate be recorded and filed.

G. F. 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:
I send 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 thereon will be void and the unmarried ones do one of the said sisters hold the land during their lives and after ^{the death} of said sister I leave my lands to be sold and the proceeds divided between all my brothers & sisters lawful heirs to hold during their lives.

Item 1 - I give to my beloved sister Cornelia Nancy & Elizabeth all my stock of every kind all my corn meet and crop should there be any in my lands at my death to have and to hold forever.

Item 2 - I give and bequeath all my money after my lawful debts is paid be equitably divided among my lawful brothers and sisters.

Item 3 - I give and bequeath all my household & kitchen furniture to my sister Cornelia Nancy & Elizabeth to have and to hold forever. In presence of these witnesses I seal my hand and seal this 17th of July 1860.

Richard Evans (Seal)

John H. Hines
John H. Hines

North Carolina Probate Sep. 1862
Fitt County

There 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 John H. Hines one of the subscribing witnesses the other witnesses being in the State of Massachusetts. Let said will and this certificate be recorded and filed
G. F. Dancy Clerk

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, I 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 William H. Hoyt, John H. Hoyt, Mary Eliza Hoyt and my grand daughter Martha Ann Wherrod, equally to be divided among them and their heirs or to the surviving of them or their children.