

Court by Henry Brown and the due execution thereof duly proved by the oath and examination of B. W. Brown & Henry W. Brown the two subscribing witnesses to the same - It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will & Testament of the said Rebecca Emily and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed.

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I Abram Joyner of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and body, 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 and bequeath to my beloved mother (Allie Joyner) all my property, consisting of negroes and whatever property may be found in my possession at my death, to be hers and at her absolute disposal during her natural life.

And I also bequeath and devise that after the death of my beloved mother that the property be equally divided between my Brother R. B. W. Joyner and my sister Mary E. Mayo to have and to hold the same to them and their heirs executors administrators and assigns, to them and their use and behoof forever, to wit: whereof I the said Abram Joyner do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 31st day of March A.D. 1863.

signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Abram Joyner 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.

John X. Joyner

Joseph H. Mayo

Ed. Warren

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Abram Joyner, decd., was produced in open Court by Atty. Joyner the mother of said decd. and the same was proved in due form of law to be the will and Testament of said decd. and the same was ordered to be recorded & filed. On motion Willis R. Williams was appointed administrator with the will annexed on said estate on his giving bond in the sum of \$20,000 with William M. King Wm. Mayo and Thos. B. Dupree as Sureties. Bond given and adm^r duly qualified.

G. A. Dancy Clerk

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

Now all men by these presents that I Joseph Moore of the State and County aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing memory yet knowing the uncertainty of my ~~lastly~~ do publish this as my last will and Testament.

1st I place my soul in the hands of my heavenly Father, my body I desire to be well and decently buried and all funeral expenses arising therefrom be first paid from my estate.

2nd After the payment of all my just and lawful debts, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Louisa Jane Moore during the term of her natural life or widowhood the remainder of my estate both real and personal. Provided she shall defray the expenses of ~~Twenty~~ ^{twelve} months schooling for each of my ^{sons} viz Joseph Franklin & Marion Zadock Moore by the time they shall have arrived at the age of eighteen years.

3rd After the death & widowhood of my beloved wife Louisa Jane Moore it is my will and desire that my estate shall be equally divided among my children Emily A. Mary J. Joseph B. and Marion Zadock Moore. Provided it shall appear that my two sons have had the benefit of the ~~Twenty~~ ^{twelve} months schooling as provided above. If however it shall appear that they my two sons have not had said benefit then it is my will and desire that enough of my estate shall be set aside to them to make up the deficit for said schooling, and used by or for them in obtaining an education.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 26th day of November A.D. 1863.

John King
Henry Harris

Joseph Moore

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joseph Moore decd. was produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of John King one of the subscribing witnesses to the same, and the same was ordered to be recorded and filed. On motion Louisa Moore the widow of said testator came into Court and was appointed adm^r with the will annexed on the estate of the said Joseph Moore on her giving bond in the sum of \$5,000 with Wm. M. King and John King as her Sureties. Bond given and administratrix qualified according to law.

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I James A. Lee 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 (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, 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 beloved wife Elizabeth, all of my household and kitchen furniture, all of my hogs, Horses & Cattle that I may own at the time of my death to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

3rd I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Elizabeth, all my negroes namely Celina & Child Nelson Emma and John to have and to hold absolutely forever, on the following conditions that is, if my said beloved wife Elizabeth and myself does not have an heir to live then I bequeath them to her absolutely forever. But if we should have an heir then in that case the said negroes Celina & Child Nelson Emma and John, or their value shall be equally divided between my said wife Elizabeth and the said heir if there shall be any, theirs to have and to hold absolutely forever.

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