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 Peebles and Micajah Tull 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 A 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 mets 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: Iden Nancy Gray and Smiley. all of my Beds and furniture Four Sows and Sixty 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 Rockaway & Harness 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 Mighfew 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 Lidia R Powell 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 Stancill (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

William Hopkins (Seal)

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
Jas R Ward

State of North Carolina, Pitt County } County Court May Term 1868

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of William Hopkins decd is exhibited in open Court for probate by Jesse Stancill the executor therein named and the due execution thereof duly proved by the oath and examination of James Bryant 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 L P Blandsley & Eason James & duly qualified according to law

G A 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

1st. 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 expense 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 Watt my Chest of carpenters tools to him and his heirs forever

3rd I lean 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 loaned to her to my four children viz Mary Elizabeth. Nancy Catherine. Watt 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
Sherrod Tison

Jesse S Parker (Seal)

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