

continue to subscribe for the said work so long as it shall be published & shall continue to be as useful: and should the said company refuse to do so, then & in that case the said work shall revert to my estate.

Fourthly— Of my chattels & furniture I give unto my daughter Sarah— whatsoever she shall choose thereof to the value of thirty dollars to be valued by my Executor jointly with another person appointed by my said daughter Sarah. The residue of my estate, effects, chattels & furniture shall be apportioned among & to my said four children in equal parts, so that each gets a like value, in manner following that is to say, Foremost my said chattels & furniture shall be set up among my said four children exclusively, & of them the highest bidder for any article shall become the proprietor thereof. Then whatsoever my said children or any of them do not desire to possess or retain, shall by my Executor be sold to any the highest bidder at public or private sale at his discretion & in either case the nett proceeds of such exclusive, private & public sales shall be divided & given equally to my said four children there then alike always excepting the thirty dollar first above bequeathed unto my daughter Sarah.

And lastly I do hereby make appoint & ordain my worthy friend Charles T. Bagger of Salem abovesaid Executor of this my last will & Testament, who shall have a reasonable compensation for his services out of my estate.

In witness whereof I the said Abraham Skinner have to this my last will & testament set my hand & affixed my seal on the day & in the year first above written Signed, sealed, published & declared, by the said Abraham Skinner the Testator as his last will & testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of the signing & sealing thereof

Abraham Skinner

John C. Blum

John Jacob Blum

I Abraham Skinner the Testator of the above written last will & testament under date the fifteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred & thirty three having

since obtained four shares of stock in the Bank of the United States do give & bequeath the said four shares unto my daughter Elizabeth so as to make & become a part of the one thousand dollars bequeathed unto me by the third section of the said last will and testament. Witness my hand & seal the ninth day of May one thousand eight hundred & thirty three

Witness
John C. Blum
Jr. Jacob Blum

Abraham Skinner

June Term 1833.

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Abraham Skinner dec. of which the foregoing is a true copy by the oath of John C. Blum & ordered to be recorded.

Not Public.

In the name of God Amen.

I Abel Shields sent of Stokes County & State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind & memory do this 28th of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty six make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner following that is to say.

First, I wish my funeral charges & all my just debts to be paid out of my estate.

Secondly, I give to all my children viz: John, Mary, Sarah, Rachel, Ruben Ann & Deborah each one dollar to be paid out of my estate.

Thirdly, I give to my beloved wife Grace Shields all the rest & residue of my estate both real & personal for her support during her life & at her death to go to my daughter Grace Shields to be at her disposal forever.

And lastly, I appoint & ordain my daughter Grace Shields my whole & sole Executor to this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I the said Abel Shields have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal this day & year above written.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Abel Shields the Testator as his last will & testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof

David Hendricks
Anthony Wright
Abel Shields

The execution of the last will & Testament of Abel Shields dec. of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by the oath of David Hendricks & Anthony Wright

Not Public.