

Last Will & Testament of Jacob Thomas

North Carolina 3 October 11th 1887

Union County 3

In the name of God Amen.

I, Jacob Thomas being of sound disposing mind memory and considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and declare this my last will and testament as follows:

Item 1st. I will that my Executor shall after my death prepare for my body a burial dress suitable to the wishes of my beloved wife & children and pay all funeral expenses out of the first money that may come into his hands.

Item 2nd I will that my Executor pay all my debts and collect all money that is due me except that which is owing to me by my children.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hester all my real estate together with all my personal property of whatsoever nature it may be to have and to hold during her life & if she should die before

by my children.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hester all my real estate together with all my personal property of whatsoever nature it may be to have and to hold during her life time and after her death that my Executor sell the same to the highest bidder and the money be equally divided among all my children share and share alike by giving to those that have received nothing in advance an amount sufficient to make them equal to those that have received something heretofore.

Item 4th I hereby appoint my trusty and beloved son William Horea Thomas Executor to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of October A.D. 1887.

Signed, sealed and }
declared to be the last } Jacob Thomas *Coat*
Will and Testament }
of Jacob Thomas }
in the presence of }

Last Will & Testament of Jacob Thomas Court

James D. Nance and Benjamin F.

Staton who saw him sign the same the day and year above written,

Witness James D. Nance

B. F. Staton

A paper writing of which the foregoing is a true copy purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Jacob Thomas dec'd. is offered in open Court for probate by William Nance Thomas the executor therein named; and the execution thereof is duly proven by the oath and examination of James D. Nance and B. F. Staton the subscribing witnesses; who after being duly sworn depose and say, each for himself deposes & says, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Jacob Thomas; that said Jacob Thomas in their presence subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which now shown as aforesaid & which bears date, 4th Oct. 1887. And they further depose

Thomas; that said Jacob Thomas, in their presence
subscribed his name at the end of said paper-
writing which now shewn as aforesaid & which
bears date, 4th Oct. 1887. And they further depose
& say that the said Jacob Thomas, the testator aforesaid,
did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid,
declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him &
exhibited, to be his Last Will and Testament,
and they did thereupon subscribe their names at the
end of said Will as attesting witnesses thereto,
and at the request and in the presence of the said
testator. And they further say that at the said time
when the said testator subscribed his name to the
said last Will as aforesaid, the said Jacob Thomas
was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute
a will, and was not under any restraint to the
knowledge, information or belief of these deponents.
It is therefore adjudged by the Superior Court, now
here, that said paper-writing & every part & clause thereof,
contains the last Will & Testament of Jacob Thomas
decd. & it is ordered that the same be enrolled & recorded
& that letters testamentary issue, & thereupon letters
testamentary are issued to William Hose Thomas Executor & the
oath prescribed by law is administered to him. This 4th Nov. 1887.

Edw. W. Post, Clerk
Superior Court.