

I Ellsbury Ambrose, of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the incertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to say:

First

I give and devise to my eldest son, Isaac Ambrose fifty acres of land more or less, where he now lives for the term of his natural life then to his two sons James and Ellsbury Ambrose

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I give and devise to my son Henry Ambrose one dollar Cash.

Third

I give and devise to my Daughter ^{Eliza} Nancy Ann, one Cow and Calf

Fourth

I give and devise to my Daughter Sony Spence one Cow and her increase which she has in possession.

Fifth

I give and devise to my son Richard E. Ambrose one dollar Cash.

Sixth

I give and devise to my Daughter Mary E. Ambrose one Cow and Calf.

Seventh

I give and devise to my Daughter Sally J. Ambrose one Cow and Calf.

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I give and devise to my son Thomas H. Ambrose one half of the Cot land on the west side adjoining Spiggins Spruill, during his natural life then to his heirs begotten by his body.

Ninth

I give and devise to my son Rubin L. Ambrose one half of the Cot land on the east side adjoining Andrew Oliver during his natural life then to his heirs begotten by his body.

Tenth

I give and devise to my three Daughters by my last wife viz:

Mary E. Ambrose Sally J. Ambrose & Victoria Ambrose the tract of land whereon I now live the Juniper Island tract Swannons Island tract Hamilton St. Dawnsport tract my Juniper Swamp that formerly belonged to my Father, during the term of their natural life, then to their heirs begotten by their body.

Eleventh

I give and devise to all of my children my part of the four thousand acre tract which I purchased of Charles Latham all of which aint sold or conveyed by me, to have to hold to them and their heirs forever.

Twelfth

My will devise is that if either Thomas H. Ambrose or Rubin L. Ambrose dies without an heir begotten by his body the one living shall have the land I gave the one that died (known as the Cot land)

Thirteenth

My will and devise is that all the residue of my estate consisting of stock crops and provisions household and kitchen furniture farming and Carpenter's tools be equally divided between my three youngest children Thomas H. Ambrose Rubin L. Ambrose and Victoria Ambrose.

Fourteenth

My will and devise is that this will go into effect at my death, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Henry P. Ambrose 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 Ellsbury Ambrose do hereunto set my hand and seal. This 25th day

of September A.D. 1853.

Ellsbury Ambrose

Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Ellsbury Ambrose 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

Joseph A. Phelps
J. H. Snell

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Washington County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Ellsbury Ambrose deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Henry P. Ambrose the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Ellsbury Ambrose is proved by the oath and examination of Joseph A. Phelps and Josephus H. Snell the subscribing witnesses thereto: who, being duly sworn, each depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown them purporting to be the last will and Testament of Ellsbury Ambrose that the said Ellsbury Ambrose, in the presence of this deponent, subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 25th day of September 1853.

And the deponents further saith, that the said Ellsbury Ambrose the testator aforesaid, died at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said Ellsbury Ambrose 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 this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Joseph A. Phelps Seal
Josephus H. Snell Seal

Severally sworn and subscribed
this 7th day of March 1852 before
me.

Thos. Manning
Clerk Supr Court