

plantation and land that I before lent my wife on ones
buck one square folding table one bed & my long gun.

Item, I give unto my daughter Elizabeth with one negro
girl named Sam, one father had one star running at the back
side of Broad Creek my grey horse York.

Item, I give unto my daughter Mary with one negro girl
named Rach and £40.

Item, I give unto my daughter Minnie P. with my negro
girl named Crease & £40.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my four daughters to-
wit, Sarah Elizabeth Mary & Minnie all of my lands on the
West side of Broad Creek to be equally divided between them.

My will and desire is that if either of my children die
without issue his or her property to be divided among the
surviving children.

I authorize and empower my Executors as well as heirs
mentioned to make a good and lawful right title for a
piece of land to Thomas Petty, on the East side of Broad
Creek joining the lines of Thos. Boyd & Thos. Ellison, or to any
other person purchasing.

My will and desire is that my wearing clothes be not sold
but equally divided between my three sons to wit, Thomas
Samuel & John.

I further will and desire that all my unpaid property
after my just debts is paid my children school'd my
new house finished be equally divided between my six
last named children, to wit Sarah Elizabeth, Samuel
Mary John & Minnie.

I do hereby appoint my loving friends William
Vines and George Barrow my Executors to this my
last Will and Testament and I do hereby disavow &
revoke all others by me heretofore made and acknowledge
this my last Will and Testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this
4th Day of October, 1799.

Thomson Vines Seal

Signed in the presence of us,

John Clifford

Sam Vines

North Carolina - Beaufort County -

I, Geo. A. Paul, Clerk of the Superior Court of
Beaufort County, do hereby certify, that the
 foregoing is a true and correct copy of the
Will of Thomson Vines as taken from and

compared with the records of this office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,
this the 26th day of October A.D. 1799.

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Geo. A. Paul,

Clerk of the Superior Court,

Recorded in Washington County on the 28th day of October, 1799.

C. W. Tinsley, C.C.

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In re Last Will and Testament of John Armistead, deceased,
In the Superior Court, Washington County, North Carolina,
Before the Clerk.

It appearing to the Court and being found as a fact
that about the year 1875 all wills and records in this County,
all books containing records of same and all indexes thereto
were destroyed by a fire together with all papers in the office
of the Clerk of the Superior Court pertaining in any way to
wills and testaments and records thereof; and the paper here-
inapter set out purporting to be a true copy of the last
will and testament of John Armistead, probated by the proper
Court of Washington County at May Term, 1878, and ordered
recorded by said Court, tested by J. Downing, Clerk, said paper
writing being properly certified by said Clerk as a true copy
under his hand and seal of office annexed thereto and the
Court being satisfied of the genuineness of said paper, it is
ordered adjudged and decreed that said certified copy of the
last will and testament of John Armistead, deceased, be
ordered recorded in this office; it is further adjudged
that the original of which said paper is a certified copy
was actually probated by the proper Court as the last will
and testament of said John Armistead and as such was
actually recorded in the proper office, and in legal effect
was operative in every respect as the last will and testa-
ment of said John Armistead and it is adjudged and
decreed that the certified copy hereinafter set out be
spread upon the records of this Court as the proper
will book and that it shall operate in every respect
as fully as the original record thereof could have done.

The certified copy of the said paper writing is
in words and figures as follows:

(over)

In the name of God, Amen.

I, John Armistead of the town of Pigeonville, Washington County being sick and feeble in body but of perfect sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God for the same do this 28th day of March in the year of our Lord 1818 make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

1st, I desire that all my just debts shall be paid by my executors hereinafter named.

2nd, After paying all my just debts I desire that my dearly beloved wife, Julia, shall have one-third part of all my lands and houses in consideration of her dower, for and during her natural life, and shall have forever the one-fourth part of the personal property which I possess, exclusive of that part given to my son Richard before my intermarriage with my said wife.

3rd, I give to my son Richard all the property which I have before given him by deeds on record and in addition to that I loan to him for life two hundred and fifty acres of swamp land adjoining the swamp land which I gave him in Martin County near the upper mouth of Cat Cypress, on which he now has a fishing. I further loan to him my said son one thousand dollars in good notes to be on interest in twelve months after my decease, for and during his life and at his death I give the said property which I have loaned to my said son Richard for life to such lawful issue as he may have living at his death, and in default of such issue living at his death, I give said property which I have loaned him for life to my son William A. Armistead and Susan M. Armistead and their issue forever.

4th, I give to my two beloved children William A. Armistead and Susan M. Armistead the whole of the remainder of my estate both real and personal to be kept together for their benefit by my executors hereinafter named until William A. Armistead arrives to the age of twenty-one years when the whole of said property together with all the increase and profits of the same shall be divided as equally as possible by my said executors and the one-half, after retaining for all necessary acts and charges and trouble, for maintaining and educating my said children to be paid over to my said son William A. Armistead by my said executors and the other half of said property I wish my executors to

keep together for the sole use and benefit of my said daughter Susan M. Armistead until she arrives to the age of twenty-one years of age, when the whole of her part, after retaining for all costs and charges and troubles necessarily expended in her maintenance and education, shall be paid over to her by my said executors, all which property as above I give to my said son William A. and Susan M. Armistead and their lawful issue forever, subject nevertheless to this condition or proviso that in case either should die before twenty-one years of age and should have no lawful issue living at his or her death, then and in that case my will and desire is that all that part which I have given to either shall go to the survivor of them and the lawful issue of such survivor forever.

5th, It is my wish that my brother Starks Armistead be appointed by the Court guardian of my two children William A. and Susan M. Armistead until they arrive to the age of twenty-one years and married or single to hold and manage the whole of this property as he may think to be the most for their benefit and within said period I do give to my said brother Starks Armistead full power and authority to sell, swap, or dispose of any part of the property given to my said son William A. and Susan M. Armistead in any manner he may think to be most for their benefit.

6th and lastly, I constitute and appoint my said brother Starks Armistead and my nephew Thomas Turner my executors of this my last will and testament, revoking all others before made.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and date above,

John Armistead, *Real*
Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of
Thos. B. Houghton,
Joel Thorpe
William A. Turner.

May term 1818

This may certify that this will was proved in open Court as the law directs by the oaths of Thos. B. Houghton and Joel Thorpe ordered recorded.

Test
S. Downing, Clerk,
A true copy given under my hand and seal of
officer annexed.
(Seal of Court.) Test S. Downing, Clerk
(over.)

Upon inspection of said certified copy under the hand of the Clerk of said Court with the seal of said Court impressed thereon it is considered, adjudged and decreed that said certified copy is in all respects a true, complete and perfect copy of the last will and testament of John Annistead deceased, which was proven according to law and ordered recorded, and which was in fact actually recorded in Mill Book in office of proper Court in Washington County, N. C. in the year 1818, and that the book containing same and the original papers on file in the office were destroyed by fire when the Clerk's office was burned about 1875, but said certified copy shewn as above with the orders hereto attached be recorded in the proper will book of the office of Clerk Superior Court of said County, to operate as fully in all respects as the original will and record of probate could have done.

Done at office in Plymouth, N. C.
This 28th day of November, 1911,

C. W. Tinslow.

Clerk Superior Court of
Washington County North Carolina.

I Solomon Dumber of the County of Washington and the State of North Carolina, Being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, to wit:

First my burial expenses shall be fully paid.

Second I give and bequeath to my son Willie Dumber six acres of land joining Atwood Stillman and Willie Dumber's line. The said Willie Dumber is to come in possession of this land at my death.

Third the remainder of my property both real and personal I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Eliza Dumber for life time at her death to my daughter Nancy Elizabeth Simpson and my daughter Nancy is to pay to my son W. C. Dumber seventy two dollars and to my daughter Margaret M. Anisley seventy five dollars. The said Nancy Elizabeth Simpson is to have one year after she comes in possession to pay to my son W. C. Dumber and my daughter Maggie M. Anisley. My son Willie is to have free access to the swamp South of Charles Carter's to cut wood or timber for farm use.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of

December, A.D. 1908.

Solomon Dumber,

Test

Joseph Norman,
H. E. Norman,
Gentle Norman, } Witnesses.

State of North Carolina } ss.
Washington County, } In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Solomon Dumber deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by C. W. Tinslow, and the due execution thereof by the said Solomon Dumber by the oath and examination of Joseph Norman and H. E. Norman the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper, writing now shewn him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Solomon Dumber; that the said Solomon Dumber, in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which is now shewn as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 17th day of Dec, 1908.

And this deponent further saith, that the said Solomon Dumber, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament and this deponent did therefore subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Solomon Dumber 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.

Sworn, sworn and subscribed, this
7th day of Dec, 1911, before me,

C. W. Tinslow,

Clerk Supers Court.

Joseph Norman,
H. E. Norman,

North Carolina, } ss.
Washington County, } In the Superior Court.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of Solomon Dumber deceased. Let the said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 7th day of December, 1911.

C. W. Tinslow,
Clerk Supers Court.