

for said County by J. S. Singleton the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said B. M. Spruill is proven by the oath and examination of W. W. Lewis and John A. McCalister the subscribing witnesses thereof who being duly sworn, each depone and say each for him solemnly depose and oath that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of B. M. Spruill with Codicils attached that the said B. M. Spruill in the presence of this deponent subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bear date of the 5th day of January 1891, as to will & Codicil No 1 December 16th 1891- and Codicil No 2 May 12th 1892.

And the deponent further saith that the said B. M. Spruill the testator aforesaid, did 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 deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said B. M. Spruill 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. Now further these deponents say "not"

W. W. Lewis
John A. McCalister

Subscribed
Subscribed

Personally sworn and
subscribed this 1st day
of June 1892, before me
Thos. J. Mannin
Clerk Supr Court

State of North Carolina Washington County
I Joseph Simpson, of the County and State aforesaid 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 that is to say,
First that my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses to be paid except my just debts however and whosoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give 1st I loan to my beloved wife Mary Simpson all that tract or parcel of land known as my home tract upon which I now live so as to include my mansion house, all out houses and other improvements, to hold during her widowhood.

I give 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Simpson 2 beds 2 bedsteads, with necessary covering for the same so much of my kitchen furniture as may be actually necessary for her use 2 head of cattle 6 flogs one horse and all of the domestic fowls, her Chaise, out of the above named furniture & such a sufficient amount of provisions for her the remainder of the year should there be enough on hand at the time of my death, all of the crop grown on the land as described in item 1st one farming implement of every kind which I may have in hand to the said Mary Simpson.

I give 3rd I give and devise to Emily Simpson wife of Wm Simpson at the death of my wife Mary or in case of her marrying, all of that tract or parcel of land which I have in item 1st and my wife during her widowhood unto the said Emily Simpson, to have and to hold forever.

I give 4th I loan to Liddie Boston, the tract of land on which she now lives containing twenty five acres during her natural life and at the death of the said Liddie Boston, I then loan the same tract of land to Edward James, during his lifetime then to be equally divided between Joseph Simpson, Halsey Simpson, Jure Simpson & Thos Simpson.

I give 5th I give devise and bequeath unto my nephews that is to say Joseph Simpson Thos Simpson Halsey Simpson and Jure Simpson all that part of my land which has not been disposed of

Personally appeared W. W. Lewis the executor named in said will and sworn and subscribed to the oath, administered by him for the qualification of executor, and letters were issued to him as of this page. This Dec 8th 1892 Thos J Mannin C. S. C.

as will appear above to be equally divided between him to be theirs to hold and possess forever. It is my will that Joseph Simpson shall share in that part of my land which he built on and a part of which he has cleared or so much of the same as will make him equal with the Simpson Haley & Jerry Simpson.

Item & my will and desire is that all of the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out debts and legacies above mentioned, shall be sold and the debts owing to me be collected; and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my said nephews mentioned in item 5th share and share alike to them and every of them their executors & administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

Item 7th It is further my will and desire whereas my friend W. R. Chesson has for some time rendered me valuable services for which I desire to fully compensate him for the same and I do hereby direct my Executor or personal representative to first set my burial expenses paid, next pay to my friend W. R. Chesson fifty dollars to be later from any part of my estate.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend W. R. Chesson 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 Joseph Simpson do hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of Aug. A. D. 1888.

Joseph ^{his} ~~man~~ Simpson

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Joseph Simpson 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 that

W. R. Chesson {
L. C. Marriner }

State of North Carolina (Washington County) In Supr Court
A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Joseph Simpson deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by W. R. Chesson the executor therein mentioned and the duly executed thereof by the said Joseph Simpson is proven by the oath and examination of W. R. Chesson and L. C. Marriner the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph Simpson, that the said Joseph Simpson, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 16th day of Aug. A. D. 1888. And the deponent further saith that the said Joseph Simpson the testator aforesaid, did 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 deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Joseph Simpson 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.

W. R. Chesson (seal)
L. C. Marriner (seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed
this 17th day of Nov. 1892 before
me
Thos. J. Marriner
Clerk Supr Court