

Probate of
Mr. Brown's
Will

Washington County. In the Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Brown deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said County by Rhoda Brown and the Executrix therein named and the due execution thereof by the said William Brown by the oath and examination of C. B. Latham and Robt B Windley 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 Wm Brown deceased.

That the said Mr Brown in the presence of these deponents and each of them subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date on the 3 day of May 1873, did in the presence of this deponent and each of them acknowledge the signing the said paper writing.

And the deponents further saith that the said Mr Brown 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 the deponent and each of them did then and there 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 the deponent further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Mr Brown 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 and subscribed to before
me this 27 June 1874

J. A. McLean Probate Judge

C. B. Latham

Robt B Windley

Upon the hearing of the foregoing Proofs and examination of C. B. Latham and Robt B Windley subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of Mr Brown deceased. It is Considered and adjudged that the paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Mr Brown deceased and is duly proved and admitted to Probate and it is further adjudged that said will, together with the probate be recorded in the Records of the County of Washington County. This the 27 day of June 1874

J. A. McLean Prob. Judge

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of Probate Mrs Rhoda Brown and qualified as Executrix to the said last will and testament of Mr Brown and her oath of qualification is filed: this the 27th June 1874

J. A. McLean Prob. Judge

I William J Smith of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, 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 executrix and executor (whom after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item. I bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth A. all of the tract of land whereon I now live, and the tract of land which I brought of James Navasport, adjoining the lands of R. H. Wells and others, to have and to hold to her, the said, Elizabeth A. Smith for and during the term of her natural life.

Item: I give and bequeath to my said, beloved wife Elizabeth A. Smith, all of my Crops, Stocks, provisions, agricultural implements, household and kitchen furniture, all the domestic fowl and poultry, on hand at the time of my death, to be hers absolutely forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Henrietta W. Downing, the sum of three hundred dollars to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth A. Smith, all the bonds, notes and accounts (after taking out the legacy above mentioned) which are due me, to be hers forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth A. Smith, the amount of property which descends to me from the estate of my father Jesse Smith, deceased, to be hers forever.

Item: I give and devise to the Children of my two daughters, Mary F. Tarkenton and Henrietta W. Downing, except the life estate of my wife devised in a former item of this my will. The tract of land whereon I now live and the Navasport tract, to have and to hold to them and to their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item: I bequeath to James F. Tarkenton and his wife Mary F. my interest in the tract of land whereon they now live on conditions that they live on and occupy the same, for and during the term of their natural lives.

Item: I give and devise to the Children of my daughter Mary F. Tarkenton wife of James F. Tarkenton, the interest in the tract of land which I have loaned on a former item to James F. Tarkenton and his wife Mary F. whenever they fail or neglect to occupy and live on the same, or at their death, to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth A. Smith, all the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the legacies above mentioned, to be hers absolutely forever.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly wife, Elizabeth

I Smith my lawful executrix, and my friend Thomas J. Norman 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. Herby Revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said William I Smith do hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty first day of January A.D. 1879

William I Smith (Dead)

Signed sealed, published and declared by the said William I Smith, 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.

James F. Tarkenton
O. R. Spruill

Clerk of North Carolina

Washington County, In the Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William I Smith deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Thomas J. Norman one of the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said William I Smith by the oath and examination of James F. Tarkenton and O. R. Spruill the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of William I Smith, that the said William I Smith in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the twenty first day of January 1879.

And the deponent further saith, that the said William I Smith 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 said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said William I Smith 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 this deponent say not.

James F. Tarkenton
O. R. Spruill

Sworn and subscribed this
the 15th day of February 1879 before me
J. A. Nelson Probate Judge

Upon the hearing of the foregoing proof, and examination of the subscribing witnesses to the said last will and testament of William I Smith aforesaid, it is considered and adjudged that the said paper writing purporting

is the last will and testament of William I Smith aforesaid, and has been duly proved, and admitted to probate. And it is further adjudged that the said Will, together with the Probate be recorded in the record of wills for Washington County. This the 15th day of February 1879. And personally appeared Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smith the executrix and Thomas J. Norman the executor mentioned in said will and took and subscribed to the oath prescribed for the qualification of Executors and the same is on file, 15 Feb. 1879.

J. A. Nelson Probate Judge

Washington County North Carolina

I, William B. Harrison do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: I give to my dear wife Sarah Harrison my whole estate, Mitup my hand and seal this 5th day October 1854.

Wm B Harrison (Dead)

Washington County In the Probate Court.

A paper writing entitled Subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and testament of William B. Harrison deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Sarah Egner, Harrison (widow) and devisor therein named. And it is thereupon proved, by the oath and examination of Thomas W. Chipman who being duly sworn doth depose and say, that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said William B. Harrison after his death, and it is further proved, by the oath and examination of three credible witnesses to wit: J. H. Chipman, H. B. Hamner and Charles Latham who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that they and each of them are acquainted with the hand writing of the said William B. Harrison having often seen him write and, truly believe that the name of the said William B. Harrison subscribed to the said will and the said will and its contents are in the proper hand writing of the said William B. Harrison and that the said hand writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the said William B. Harrison and further these deponents say not.

Sworn and subscribed to before
me July 17th 1877
J. A. Nelson Probate Judge

Thomas W. Chipman
Charles Latham
H. B. Hamner
J. H. Chipman