

John Bell, one of the Executors appeared took and subscribed to the oath prescribed for his qualifications by law as Executor and filed his application for Letters Testamentary.

Letters issued 21st day of Feb. 1882
 Saml W. Latham
 Probate Judge

State of North Carolina.

Washington County

I, Asa Snell, of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, and 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 Frederick H. Snell provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all personal expenses to gether with my just debts ~~thereon~~ and to whom ~~before coming out of the money~~ that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item, I give and bequeath to my youngest Son Ellis W. Snell all that tract of land on which I now live together with the Island tract and all my portion of the Seary tract, adjoining the said Island tract to the Eastern side, provided he takes care of me during my life time and if he does not then and takes care of me the premises and lands shall be sold and equally divided among my children.

Item, I give and bequeath the coming proceeds of the Northwesterly tract adjoining Mrs. Patrick's to my Daughter Jane which has not yet come in or so much thereof as to make good the purchase and interest of the money due her by H. C. Phlips and wife the residue of said proceeds to go if any to my Grand Son Richard Phlips, all the said lands I give in fee simple if said lands shall not be paid for by said H. C. Phlips, together with the interest and have from the first day of January 1873 then the said lands shall after one time and at the discretion of my administrators be sold to some one else and I hereby empower said Administrators to make a bill to said lands to whom sold when it is paid for, said said Patrick as to pay \$175⁰⁰ the first of January 1873, 1875 the 2nd \$100⁰⁰ 1876 the 3rd \$100⁰⁰ 1878 the 4th \$100⁰⁰. I give and bequeath said lands to my Son C. M. Snell in fee simple.

Item, In a foregoing will I gave to my eldest Son Peter \$50⁰⁰ which has been paid in full as his share in my estate.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane one 1st and 2nd and 3rd and 4th

got me Cook, Shove and utensils after I am dead \$250⁰⁰ which has been paid hereof.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Frederick one hundred Dollars which has been paid.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son A. M. Snell one dollar in cash.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son H. M. Snell one Cow and Calf and one Dollar in cash both of which has been paid.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Malissa Phelps twenty Dollars in cash for burial expenses which has been paid her.

Item, It is my desire that all my Distantly shall have knowledge of burial ground in my grave yard and if I shall have any money after paying my Son A. M. Snell twenty Dollars for the burial of this Person then said money shall be equally divided among my two Daughters.

Item, Considering all my children together and that with what they have had here before they will nearly be equal.

I now give and bequeath to my youngest Son C. M. Snell with my live stock of all kinds, all my tools of all kinds, all my house hold and children furniture, one Mill and all other utensils which have not here before been given off. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son Frederick H. Snell my lawful executor, to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the law intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking all and becoming utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in respect whereof I Asa Snell, do hereby set my hand and seal this the 18th day of Dec 1878.

Asa Snell,

(Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared by the said Asa Snell to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and his presence Subscribed our names as witnesses thereto and attested with the word to my Daughter Jane also the word and attested before signing also the word Let my hand be witnessed.

Teste.

Ellis Snell

Richard Snell

(State of North Carolina)

(Washington County) In the Probate Court
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ada Shell
deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said
County, by J. H. Shell the Executor therein mentioned, and the due
execution thereof by the said Ada Shell by the oath and examination of
Henderson Shell and Eli Shell the subscribing witnesses thereto; who,
being duly sworn, both depose and say and each for himself depose
and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now
shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of the said
Ada Shell, 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 18th day of December, 1878,
and the Deponent further swears, that the said Ada Shell, the
testator, appeared, &c., at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid,
before 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 swears, 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 Ada Shell 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.

Henderson Shell Test
Eli Shell, Test

Severally sworn and subscribed
this 26th Day of April 1882. Deponent
Saml. W. Lathrop
Probate Judge.

In the name of God Amen.

I Ordine Clayton of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina,
in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine being of Sound
mind and disposing memory do make declare and ordain this to be my last
Will and Testament revoking and declaring all others void and of no force.
Item Ist I leave to my true daughter Eliza during her natural life all my lands
and at her death to her Children Clarence and Fletcher Eliza, also all my
house hold and kitchen furniture.

In witness whereof I subscribe my hand and seal this the 15th day of February
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

Signed said and delivered in

the presence of us,

Wm. H. Chesson,

A. L. Chesson.

E. A. Clayton Seal

(State of North Carolina)

(Washington County) In the Probate Court.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of E. A. Clayton deceased
is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by
Perilla Eliza there mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said
E. A. Clayton by the oath and examination of Wm. H. Chesson and A. L. Chesson,
the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly sworn, both depose and say
and each for himself depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the
paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament
of E. A. Clayton; 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 15th day of Feb'y 1879.

And the Deponent further swears, that the said E. A. Clayton the testator
appeared, &c., at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, before the said
paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be the 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 swears, 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 E. A. Clayton 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.

Wm. H. Chesson Test
A. L. Chesson, Seal

Severally sworn and subscribed this 15th
day of May 1882 before me
Saml. W. Lathrop
Probate Judge.