

Will of Archibald Pettiford, 1889 – Nash County

***I have transcribed this will as best as I can. There were a few words that were not immediately clear, but taking them into context of the will their meaning became clear. This will was 3 separate pages, but written on 1 side of 2 pages. Both pages were in landscape orientation and divided in the center. On the first page, the left hand side of the sheet was blank and the will started on the right hand side of the first page. The second sheet contained both pages 2 and 3 on 1 side. Some of the spelling is incorrect as well as the capitalization and punctuation. They are exactly as they appeared in the original.*

~Erin Bradford (transcriptionist)

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In the name of God Amen I
Archibald Pettiford of the county
of Nash and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory
and considering the uncertainty
of this frail and transitory life
do therefore make ordain and
publish and declare this to be
my last will and testament
that is to Say after all my
lawful debts are paid and
discharged the residue of my
estate real and personal I
give and bequeath and dispose
of as follows to wit
to my daughter [Arey?] the Sum
of one dollar in money also
my daughter Tilda one feather
bed and bed clothing for the
Same and to my daughter

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Delia One dollar and to my
Son Smith Pettiford I give
and bequeath to him all the
residue of my estate both
real and personal that I now
hav or may hav at the time
of my decease Consisting of the
tract of land where I now
live bordering on the waters of
peachtree creek adjoining the
lands of Maddirson Sykes deceased

and Robbert Richardson deceased
and all my household and
kitchen furniture farming tools
and Stock and every thing I
possess or may possess at the
time of my decease & give to
him likewise I make constitute
and appoint
my Said Son Smith lawful
to be my Executor to this my
last will and testament
hereby revoking all former

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wills by me made
In witness whereof I
hav here unto Subscribed
my name and affixed
my Seal The Eleventh day
of February in the year
of our Lord one Thousand
eight hundred and eighty
nine

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delivered in	Archibald x Pettiford [seal]
the presants of	mark
N.A. Davis	
E.R. Davis	

Source:
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