

## 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]
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N.A. Davis	
E.R. Davis	

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