

SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the matter of Proving the last Will and Testament.

James Payne
DECEASED.

Orange County, ss.

Robert Gillespie of the town of *Richland* in said county and
Stephen Soule of the same place

being first duly sworn, in open Court, upon their several corporal oaths, each for him-
self, doth depose and say, that they are subscribing witnesses to the
last Will and Testament

of *James Payne* late
of the town of *Richland* in the County of *Orange*
and State of *North Carolina* deceased. And these deponents do further
say, that the said *James Payne* deceased, did in
the presence of each of these deponents, subscribe his name at the end of the instrument in
writing, which is now here shown to these deponents, and which purports to be

the last Will and Testament
of the said deceased, and which bears date
on the *5th* day of *April* one thousand eight
hundred and *eighty four*

That the said deceased did at the time of subscribing his
name to the said instrument as aforesaid, declare the same to be
his last Will and Testament: and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their own
respective names at the end of said instrument, as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof,
each at the request of the said deceased, and in his presence and in the presence of each
other: That the said deceased, at the time of so subscribing his name to said instrument as
aforesaid, and publishing said instrument as aforesaid, was upwards of twenty-one years
of age, and a citizen of the United States; that he appeared to be, and deponents believe
he was of sound mind, memory and understanding, and not under any restraint, and as
deponents verily believe, in all respects competent to devise real estate; that each of these
deponents saw the other sign his name to said instrument in the presence of the said deceased

Robert Gillespie
Stephen Soule