

The state of North Carolina
 Granville County

~~And all those~~
 in all whom these presents shall come
 or be made known, or whom the same
 may possibly concern, I, John C. Smith,
 as Judge of Probate of the County
 of Granville in the said State aforesaid.
 Greeting.

Whereas in and by a final settle-
 ment of the Estate of Henry T. Smith deceased
 made by the Judge of Probate on the 3rd day of No-
 vember 1875 (written in Smith, John A. Smith and
 Henry T. Smith, Executors and Administrators of said
 Estate, filed their final return showing a
 balance of three hundred and forty three dol-
 lars and thirty six cents due, these parties were
 admitted to be due Henry T. Smith, he having ad-
 vanced the same to pay the debt of said deceased
 and whereas said Judge of Probate rendered a
 decree that judgment be given against the heirs
 under the will of said deceased in favor
 of the said Henry T. Smith for said sum
 of three hundred and forty three dollars and
 thirty six cents and that the real estate that
 they owned under and by the will of said
 deceased be bound to the said Henry T.
 Smith for the payment of the same, whereas
 there were no objections made thereto, and
 whereas the execution issued under said
 judgment and decree has been legally renewed
 from time to time up to the present date; and
 whereas I, John C. Smith, Judge of Probate after
 having duly advertised the tract of land belonging
 to said estate decreed herein for sale by
 public outcry on the 3rd day of March in the
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and ninety six did then openly and publicly
 and according to the custom of a public sale
 and pursuant of the said real estate belong-
 ing to said estate sell to J. C. Stroud for eight hundred
 and twenty five dollars being at that price
 the highest bidder for the same.