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The Great Johnston Will Case.

This great case, as heretofore stated, was decided in favor of the will, at Edenton, a few days since.

The Rev. Henry E. Skinner, of Newbern, one of the witnesses for the will, furnishes the *Newbern Journal* the following interesting description of men and things connected with the trial:

"At my departure on Friday evening, the 23d inst, the trial had extended through sixteen days, of which the first two were occupied in the Judge's charge, the empanelling of the jury, the opening of the case for the proposition of the will, by Patrick Weston, Esq., of Bertie, and other preliminary matters necessary to the conduct of the suit. Two weeks were consumed in hearing the evidence, which was to have been closed on Saturday morning, the 23d ult., and then the discussion was to begin immediately, and to continue, as the Judge declared, day and night, allowing only the necessary intervals for rest and refreshment."

The Hon. Mr. Merrimon, is allowed by all to be an admirable Judge. Clear-headed, cool and perfectly courteous, but alert and firm, it seemed impossible to disturb his equanimity or to confuse him, amidst the incessant wranglings of the lawyers, and the frequent entanglement of knotty questions. He announced from the first, his intention to hold the scales of justice evenly, and to urge on the long delayed suit, to a conclusion. Every one present at the trial can bear witness to his success, so far, in carrying out this determination.

All preliminaries settled and the case duly opened for the proponents, the examination of the six subscribing witnesses to the will began on Friday, the third day of the trial. The public interest, already profoundly excited, now deepened; and the attendance at Court increased. The quiet town of Edenton was strangely moved by the unusual sensation, and by the presence of so many men of distinction—some of whom have already become historical. Here were three Ex-Governors, the first time since 1810 that they were in North Carolina; the first time since 1810 that they were in North Carolina; the first time since 1810 that they were in North Carolina.

The trial was conducted with great strictness, and according to the most minute formalities of the law. It was a close struggle and every inch of ground was strongly contested on both sides. A more interesting and instructive suit probably never occurred in the State, and very rarely outside of it. The decision of the jury will not end the suit, as the losing party, it was understood, will certainly appeal to the Supreme Court, and there the verdict of the jury may not have much weight. In mental caliber and intelligence of the State, man in the country having formed and expressed a decided conviction one way or the other. But it will be interesting to see in the opinion of many, yield a strong precedent for an alteration."

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