

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and
Bladen County } Quarter Sessions
Feb'y Term 1868.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Ephraim W. Allen is exhibited for probate in open court by Hugh Allen one of the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Ephraim W. Allen is proved by the oath and examination of Thos. J. Crowne one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it is also proved by the oath and examination of Duncan Kelly that C. Monroe, the only other subscribing witness thereto is dead.

And it is further proved by the oath and examination of Duncan Kelly that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said C. Monroe having often seen him write, and that the name of the said C. Monroe subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said C. Monroe.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Ephraim W. Allen and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Hugh Allen, executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

D. Blue, C.P.C.
J. J. Hall, D.C.

I, Alexander King, of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

1st. That my executor John King shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys first received into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. I give and devise unto my beloved wife Lydia my plantation on which I now live with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging containing three hundred and ninety seven acres also twenty five acres on Poplar Branch purchased of Isaac Young and one hundred on Dry Branch adjoining D. D. Allen, W. B. Roberson's lands also all my entire crop corn, peas, potatoes &c. Also my mare with all my cattle, hogs and sheep house hold and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of in my will. Should she marry then and in that case the above named property to be equally divided between herself and my two children Catharine E. and Franklin. I give and devise to my son Franklin after the death of my wife Lydia one hundred acres on the dry branch adjoining D. D. Allen and W. B. Roberson's lands also one hundred and fifty five acres to run parallel with D. D. Allen's line so as to include the buildings and not to include the Dry field to have and to hold

him and his heirs in fee simple.
I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Eliza all the residue of the homestead or 377 three hundred and seventy-seven acres including the Bay field also twenty-four acres on Poplar branch to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and devise to my daughter Sarah N. Lytle one tract of land on the northeast side of the Cape Fear River as devised to me by my father Alexander King as the will will more fully show, also one cow named Tanny and ten sheep to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty Brother John King my lawfull executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other will and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof the said Alexander King do hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of November A.D. 1867.

Signed and sealed } Alexander King (Seal)
in presence of
J. M. Norton
Thos. S. Evans

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deed, is exhibited for probate in open court by John King, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Alexander King is proved by the oath and examinations of Thos. S. Evans one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Alexander King and therefore the said John King, executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Witness
J. Blue, Clk.
for L. J. Hall, DC.

In the name of God Amen.

I Absalom Wilson of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being in common health of a sound disposing mind, and memory do make and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament as follows:

1st I want my executor to pay my debts together with my funeral expenses as speedily as possible.

2nd I give and bequeath to my loving wife Mary Ann Wilson during her natural time the plantation on which I live containing twenty-four acres more or less and at her death the said tract or parcel of land shall go to my daughter Sarah Wilson to her and her heirs forever I give then give to my said wife one-half of the