

RECORD OF WILLS.

Conveyed by the said Bryan directly to the said David
 which I considered makes him equal to my other children
 to my son William James I desire all that lands that I
 may own in the County of Bladen at the time of my
 death. I may here after execute to him a deed of Gift for
 the same I desire him to have.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my friends John
 A. McDowell and Herman Robinson Executors of
 this my last Will and Testament. Revoking
 all or any will made by me previous to this date.

In witness whereof I James Cross do hereby set
 my hand and seal this the 23rd day of June A.D. 1864

Signed Sealed Published
 and declared by the said
 James Cross. to be his last
 Will and Testament. in the
 presence of us who at his
 request and in his presence
 do subscribe our names as
 witnesses thereto.

J. H. Lusk
 T. J. Atmore.

North Carolina }
 Bladen County } Court of Peace & Quarter
 Sessions. February Term 1864

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testa-
 ment of James Cross. dec'd. is offered for probate in
 open Court and the due execution thereof is proven by the
 examination and oath of the subscribing witnesses Thos
 J. H. Lusk and Thomas J. Atmore. It is therefore
 ordered by the Court that this paper writing and every
 part and parcel thereof be declared to be the last will
 and Testament of James Cross and it is ordered to be
 recorded. Whereupon Dr. H. Robinson is duly qual-
 ified as Executor. by taking the oath of office. John
 A. McDowell renouncing the appointment of Executor by
 named as Executor Thos

D. Blue Clerk

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State of North Carolina }
 Bladen County }

+ In the Name of God "Amen"

I John McKay of the County of Bladen and State of
 North Carolina being met of body but of sound and dis-
 posing mind memory and understanding. Considering
 the uncertainty of death and the uncertainty of the time
 thereof. to the end that I may be better prepared to
 leave this world. when it shall please my God. to call me
 hence I am now determined to direct what disposition
 shall be made of my property after my decease and
 after maturely considering the circumstances and proba-
 bility of all those among whom as my heirs at Law or
 the objects of my gratitude or affection in my judgment
 my Estate should be distributed. +

I do make publish and declare this my last will and
 Testament Revoking and making null and void
 all former last wills and Testaments by me heretofore
 made.

And my Will is first after my decease my body
 shall be decently buried without ostentation or unnecessary
 expense. And that my just debts and funeral charges
 shall be paid by my Executors herein after named.

And as to the residue of my estate and property
 with which God hath blessed me and shall not be requ-
 ired for the payment of my debts funeral charges
 and the expenses in and about the execution of this
 my Will and the administration of my estate.

I give devise and dispose thereof as follows
 to-wit.

I give and devise to my son John McKay or his
 heirs the sum of two hundred to be paid to him or the
 within six months after my decease by my Executors here-
 inafter named. to hold the same to him or heirs.

I give and bequeath to my niece Ann Clark the wife
 of John K. Clark and the heirs of her body all my
 Negroes. namely One Negro woman by the name of
 Leah and her children namely Angeline and
 and one Negro boy by the name of Henry
 increase of them should there be any

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also all of my Real Estate in the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina Situate on both sides of Horse Shoe Swamp. it being my desire in the division of my Brother John McKays Land.

Also all of my Household and Kitchen furniture and all money that may be due me or in my possession after my death, to have and to hold the same to his the said John Clark and the heirs of his body, for ever.

And I do nominate and appoint my friend David James Clark to be the Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of August A.D. 1858.

Witness,

Le R. Council

Chile Graham

David N. Perry

John McKay Seal

State of North Carolina
Bladen County.

Court of Probate & Quarters
Session February Term 1868.

Cl. paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John McKay dec'd is exhibited for probate in open Court by David James Clark, the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John McKay, is proven by the oaths of Le R. Council and Chile Graham, two 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 John McKay dec'd and the same is ordered to be recorded, and filed, and thereupon the said David James Clark the Executor therein named in the last Will and Testament of the said John McKay dec'd is duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath required by Law.

L. B. Blue Clerk

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I Caroline Boyan of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory and 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 wit.

First That my Executor, hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and paying all funeral expenses. To wit my first debt hereunto and to discharge all owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

Then I give and devise to my beloved Husband James St. Boyan forty five acres of land known as an equal share of distribution of my Fathers division drawn by my Brother Maud Sikes in division bounded below by Susan Sikes and above by Thomas Sikes lying on the North side of Cape Fear River containing forty five acres also including all improvements thereon to have and to hold to him the said James St. Boyan for ever in peace and satisfaction.

I give and bequeath to my Brother Thomas Sikes one Dollar and I give also and bequeath to my Brother Lucius Sikes one Dollar.

I also give and bequeath to my Brother Maud Sikes one Dollar.

I also give and bequeath to my sister Sarah E. Sikes one Dollar.

I also give and bequeath to my sister Harriet Moore one Dollar.

I give and bequeath to my beloved Husband James St. Boyan all my beds and furniture and all House Hold and Kitchen furniture, three head of Cattle and all the aforesaid stock all domestic fowl and poultry, one good watch one clock.

Then I give and bequeath to my beloved Husband James St. Boyan all the Cash on hand, excepting the debts and bequests before mentioned.

Then My Will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the debts and bequests above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there shall be any surplus over and above the payments