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sworn doth depose and say and each for himself deposeeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm H. Bridgen, that the said Wm H. Bridgen in presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 10th day of November 1884. And the deponent further saith that the said Wm H. Bridgen the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at his request and in the presence of the said testator.

And these deponents further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Wm H. Bridgen was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents. And further these deponents say not shown to and subscribed before me this 25th Sept. 1885
 G. F. Melvin C. F.

M. P. Peterson
 John H. Squires

Will of
 Auguste S. Miller.

In the Name of God Amen.
 I, Auguste S. Miller, farmer, of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I give will and devise to my two children Mary Miller and Leopold Miller and to their heirs and assigns forever all of the land, tenements, hereditaments and every interest I have in real estate of which I may be seized and possessed in my own right to be held and owned by them in their full and ample manner as I am able

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and capable of holding the same. To my daughter Mary Miller I give will and bequeath a tract of land known as the homestead tract lying on both sides of the Cape Fear river containing six hundred and thirty six (636) acres also another tract lying on the White Oak swamp on the west side of the Cape Fear river containing forty (40) acres. To my son Leopold Miller I give will and bequeath a tract of land known as the Marlville tract lying on both sides of the Carolina Central railway containing one thousand (1000) acres, also another tract known as the Smith place containing one hundred and six (106) acres. It is my will and desire that my children Mary and Leopold Miller shall not dispose of any of the abovesaid real estate until they reach the age of twenty one (21). I do likewise give and bequeath to my wife Mary E. Miller all of my personal property and all of the proceeds arising from the abovesaid real estate so long as she may live. I do hereby nominate and constitute my wife Mary E. Miller my executrix of this my last will and testament with full power and authority to execute the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof and according to law. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty six (26) day of September 1883.

Auguste S. Miller. (Seal)

In the presence of these witnesses signed sealed published and declared by the said Auguste S. Miller in the presence of each of us to be his last will and testament to which we are subscribing witnesses at his instance and request.

G. H. Brown
 J. B. Brower

I make this Codicil to my will viz: Should my wife marry again then the proceeds of all the above real estate shall be equally divided between my wife Mary E. Miller and my two children Mary and Leopold Miller.

Test J. B. Brown
 H. H. Brown

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A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Auguste E. Miller deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by Marcy E. Miller the executrix therein named and it is thereupon proven by the oath and examination of Wm Monroe and C. B. King that W. H. Brown and J. B. Brown the subscribing witnesses thereto are dead and it is also proven by the oath and examination of Wm Monroe and C. B. King that they are well acquainted with the handwritings of W. H. Brown and J. B. Brown having often seen them write and that the names of the said W. H. Brown and J. B. Brown subscribed as witnesses to the said will are in the hand writing of the said W. H. Brown and J. B. Brown. 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 Auguste E. Miller and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, the executrix Marcy E. Miller comes into Court and is duly qualified, as such executrix and files her oath and inventory this the 26th day of Oct, 1885.

G. T. Melvin

Clerk Superior Court of Bladen County

Will of
J. S. Dunham

In the Name of God Amen

I James S. Dunham of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following
It is my will and desire and I so devise that the action of the commissioners chosen by myself (at date previous to this) for the purpose of dividing my real estate into equal shares among my heirs shall be valid. The report of said commissioners viz: J. T. Council, D. B. Melvin and C. T. Davis is enclosed with this. The said report gives Lot No. 1 to my son W. C. Dunham, Lot No. 2 to my son J. R. Dunham, Lot No. 3 to my grandchildren James A. and Alice Dunham, Lot No. 4 to my daughter

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J. E. Robeson,

Lot No. 5 to my son J. R. Dunham which includes the dwelling and other improvements.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the eight day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

In presence of
John S. Dunham
C. T. Melvin
James S. Dunham (Seal)

Will of
Calvin Jones

I, Calvin Jones of Bladen County and State of North Carolina do declare this instrument to be my last will and testament, revoking all others.

I give to my wife Sarah J. Jones the use, profit and benefit of my whole estate real and personal property for the term of her natural life. Upon the decease of my wife it is my will and I give and bequeath unto John D. Thomas a nephew of my wife all my real and personal property to wit: my homestead where I now live, about one hundred and twenty acres more or less with all the improvements and all household and kitchen furniture and farming implements, provisions that may be on hand at the decease of my wife, provided the said John D. Thomas complies with the following obligations, that is this he is to stay with us from this date and manifest an interest in taking care and assist in providing for us both while we live and keep up the farm in a manner prescribed by his own judgment. Providing he fails to comply with the above obligations then that part of my will giving and bequeathing unto him shall be null and void and will be left to be disposed of by my wife as she may desire.

Last I constitute and appoint John D. Thomas executor of this my last will and testament. Notwithstanding this may appear crude and incorrect I have endeavored to explain the way and manner in which I desire to dispose of my property. In witness of all of the things herein contained I have set my hand and seal this the 14th day of Feb'y in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four

Witness

J. A. Smith
R. E. Dees

Calvin Jones (Seal)