

## RECORD OF WILLS.

Will of  
W. C. BushState of North Carolina  
Bladen County

In the year of our Lord Amen.

I, William C. Bush of the State and county above being in feeble bodily condition but of sane and reasoning mind knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last will and testament, to wit:

1st It is my will that my property shall remain undivided during the life of my wife and the life of my daughter Mary. It is my will that my sons Neil G. Thomas C. and Oliver L. and Osborne B. Bush remain with their mother as at present. That they cultivate the land and attend the mill and care for all the interests on the place as at present and that they give their mother for her use and my daughter Mary's one third of the product of all the land and mill. That they strive to manage for their mother so that she may have plenty and want for nothing.

2nd If my daughter Mary shall survive her mother then it is my will that the one third which was allotted and given to her mother shall be given to her during her life and that my sons continue to act for their faithful and affectionate sister as for their mother.

It is my will that after the death of my wife and my daughter Mary all of my property both personal and real estate shall be equally divided between my remaining children.

W. C. Bush  
Feb. 14th 1885

Witnesses J. S. Devane  
J. B. Porter

State of North Carolina ) In Superior Court.  
Bladen County

In the matter of the last will of W. C. Bush It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of J. S. Devane and J. B. Porter the subscribing witnesses thereto that the paper writing is the last will and testament of W. C. Bush and that the same was duly executed by said W. C. Bush in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said W. C. Bush was of sound mind, it is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said W. C. Bush this the 25th day of Decr. 1885

G. F. Meloni, C. J. C.

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Will of  
Bettie Brown

This indenture made the 15th day of May 1887 between Bettie Brown of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina of the first part and the following named persons of the second part all of the State and county aforesaid: Bill Brown, Emily Armstrong, Caroline Brown, Anna Brown, Penny Brown, Eliza Brown, Samuel Brown, Torney Brown and James Ives Brown the witnesses: That I the said Bettie Brown of the first part do will grant and give (in consideration of the love and affection I bear towards the above named persons) to Bill Brown two hogs to have and to hold forever, to Emily Armstrong 2 hogs to have and to hold forever, to Caroline Brown one bed quilt and bed sheet and one pillow, to Eliza Brown to have my bed and bed quilt one sheet and a pillow.

I give bequeath and devise my estate and property not mentioned above (Land &c) to the following persons all of the county and State aforesaid: Samuel Brown, Torney Brown and James Ives Brown. I Bettie Brown of the first part in consideration of the love and affection do will grant and give a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county and State aforesaid situated on the northeast side of the Carolina Central Railway near Clarkton depot adjoining the land of M. N. Deod and J. S. McMillan and others beginning at a large pine near & north of the said Carolina Central Railway, running north 35° E with M. McMillan's line 20 chains & 00 links to a stake one oak and five pine pointers thence North 67° West 13 chains to a Red Oak, and Logwood pointers thence south 35° W 23 chains & 00 links to the railway, Bound thence direct to the beginning containing thirty acres more or less. This last mentioned property it is my will for it to be equally divided between the three boys mentioned which is Samuel Brown, Torney Brown and James Ives Brown with the exception James Ives Brown is to inherit that portion of land on which the house is situated on them to have and to hold the said land and premises with all the privileges and appurtenances there belonging or in any wise appertaining to the said estate not otherwise to the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns forever and said party of the first part and her heirs executors administrators and assigns all and singular the premises hereby conveyed to the said parties of the second part and their heirs

and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend from the lawful claim or claims of any and all persons.  
In witness whereof I have signed, and sealed, and published and declared this instrument as my last will. Brown Marsh Township, State and County, aforesaid.

Witnesses

W. M. Kelly  
J. M. Mason

Bettie <sup>his</sup> Brown  
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State of North Carolina - Bladen County  
In Superior Court.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of W. M. Kelly and J. M. Mason the subscribing witnesses thereto that that the paper writing is the last will and testament of Bettie Brown and that the same was duly executed by said Bettie Brown in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Bettie Brown was of sound mind. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Bettie Brown this the 12th day of March 1889.

G. F. Melvin C. J. C.

J. J. Council

State of North Carolina  
Bladen County } April the 17th 1899.

J. Kinchin H. Council 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.  
First my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with all of my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I also will devise to my beloved wife Catharine J. Council of my household and kitchen furniture

all of my stock of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses and all of my bees and all the poultry about the yard and all notes, accounts and all farming and mechanic utensils and all provisions that may be on hand and all moneys and all of my lands in Bladen County to use in any way as farming, making turpentine, tar or cutting timber or renting for either moneys or a portion of the crop and stock if necessary for support for herself and children that remain at home as one of the family, and in all other respects that no public sale or vendue be had or made during my wife's natural life but that she enjoy what I leave in any way she thinks best and proper during her natural life & provided. It is my will that out of the above my four younger children namely, Arthur, Kinchin, Cety and Sabin be liberally educated and after the death of my wife or should she marry again, then as soon as practicable in either case let what is left be equally divided among my children, that is the personal property that is each one rendering in what has been advanced to them.

The tracts of land that adjoins where my dwelling is it is my desire that it be divided as follows - namely, that all on the east side of the run of Kinner Swamp and north of the O. C. Railway to my son James Council and all on the west side of the swamp and north of the railroad to Cecil K. Council, and all on the west side of the run of the swamp and south side of the railroad to Arthur L. Council and all on the east side of the run of the swamp and south of the railroad as far down the swamp to a small branch above the Patrick place to Kinchin H. Council, the balance of my lands that adjoins including the Patrick place to John P. Council. My land on Carsons Creek to be divided between Cety and Sabin, and Holden Sutton, the land in Columbus in the purchase of M. Mantoby & wife to Lou & Sally Bunkley & the place where my wife lived to Rachel E. Nye, and the Hawkins place if not redeemed one half to Lou and Sally and the other half to Mary J. Sikes, if redeemed by M. Campbell & wife to Mary J. Sikes, \$200 to Lou and \$200 to Sally and the balance to be divided among the rest of my children. I have hundred and six acres on the purchase of M. Mantoby and wife on the Rice Branch to John P. Council.