

RECORD OF WILLS.

debts expenses and legacies that shall be due to be paid out to my beloved husband James A. Bryan and to his and to his Executors and Administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my husband James A. Bryan my lawful 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, fully without and declaring utterly void, all other wills and Testaments by me made heretofore.

In Witness Whereof I the said Caroline Bryan, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 13th day of Jan^y 1867 of January.

Caroline Bryan
witness

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Caroline Bryan to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request, and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto;

W. H. Ellis
J. D. Cain

State of North Carolina
Bladen County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions. February Term 1867

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Caroline Bryan deceased, is offered for probate in this Court, James A. Bryan, being in Court and do not object in open Court, and the due execution thereof is proved by the examination and oath of the Subscribing witnesses thereto, and it is ordered by the Court that this Paper writing and every part thereof, be considered and declared to be the last Will and Testament of Caroline Bryan deceased, and it is ordered to be recorded.

Therefore James A. Bryan is duly qualified as Executor, by taking the oath of office.

D. S. Clerk

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In the name of God Amen

I Calvin J. Dickson being of sound mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of life do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in the manner following, first it is my Will that all my lands in Black River should be sold or all that remains unsold, at my death, first a piece of 50 acres on the West side of Black River, together with the Ferry known as Beatty's Bridge Ferry.

Also a piece of 900 acres on the West side of the Hmard road, patented by Richard Parrish, also 50 acres adjoining the above mentioned piece also a tract of 200 acres patented by John Deane. I want this piece now out as Mr. H. Deane, and myself have both claims on it. I have always paid a tax for it, one corner stands out, Gum branch, a pine marked "H" known as White's Corner, now down and a post stands in its place. Also 640 acres on which my mill stands, patented by Richard Parrish.

Also 100 acres within the lines of the 640 deeded to Richard Parrish, by Thomas Brown, also 700 acres patented by J. D. Skutworth that lie out the mill.

Also 260 acres deeded to Richard Parrish by James B. White, being the lower part of a 640 acre patent, patented by James B. White, it is my Will also that a piece should be sold off the upper part of my plantation on Cape Fear adjoining the Maultby tract at White's Hall.

Beginning at Maultby's Corner, on the River thence with Maultby's line to my back line thence down my back line to Chain, thence a line parallel with my upper line to the River.

It is my Will also that a piece should be sold off the lower part of said plantation adjoining the lands of John A. Polson.

Beginning at my Corner below the mouth of South Creek, on the River thence with Polson's line to my back line thence up my back line to Chain.

Strike Denahos Creek, below and Red Field Run as the middle current house sick, Cheever to Denahos Creek and as it meanders, it the kind the above lands it want said to pay my debt, and if not sufficient it is my will that my interest in the estate of the late George. I want should be sold to make up the deficiency.

I have already given to my daughter Lavinia Jane Davis two negroes, Harry and Phillis.

I have also given her a piece of land on Black River 175 acres and have bought it back for which I am to pay her \$1000 for it. I want my Executors to get a good right for from her, and her husband when he becomes of age, and see that the money is paid. The above property I consider as her share of my estate.

It is my will that all the rest of my lands personal and perishable property to be equally divided between my wife Catherine Dickson, Susan, Catherine, James, W. Dickson, Catherine, J. Dickson, Joseph Dickson, Robert Dickson, John, and Dickitt, except my land which I want to be divided between my wife Catherine Dickson and my sons James, Joseph, Robert, John, and Dickitt. My wife to have her dower and her part of my lands, and it is my wish that my lands should be so divided that my son James should have his part so as to include the house where C. Cousins now lives, it is my wish that my wife, and children should remain together and that my negroes to gether and that my wife and James manage all of my business and when one of my children becomes of age or married or her to draw their part of my personal and perishable property that is their part of all that is in the plantation except the furniture that is in the house and my family riding vehicle.

It is also my will that my daughters, Susan and Catherine have each a bed and furniture after accorded them in the division.

Should any one of my negroes become unmanageable it is my wish that they be sold and the

income brought in the place should my wife marry again it is my will that she have her part of my personal and perishable property allotted of to her and a guardian be appointed to my children it is my wish that one of the children shall have the control of my children or their property and I do hereby constitute and appoint Patrick Murphy Executor to this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This the 15th of October 1860

Witness

J. H. Deaith
J. W. Dickson

Calvin J. Dickson Dea

Clark Carolina
Bladen County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1862

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Calvin J. Dickson deceased is exhibited in open Court for Probate and it is thereupon found by the Court and examination of David B. Williams that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said Calvin J. Dickson after his death and it is further proven by the oath and examination of three credible witnesses to wit David B. Williams, John H. Clark, and William C. Savage that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said Calvin J. Dickson having often seen him write and verify, believe that the name of the said Calvin J. Dickson subscribed to the said will and the said will itself, and every part thereof is in the hand writing of the said Calvin J. Dickson and it is further found by the evidence of three witnesses mentioned that said hand writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Calvin J. Dickson. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and Testament of the said Calvin J. Dickson and the same is to be recorded and filed.

D. B. Williams