

forty acres where J. R. Rives lives which is included in the Carr's Creek land let him and his wife remain undisturbed during their lifetime. And I do hereby appoint my son James Council my lawful executor at all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and I do hereby revoke all wills heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I the said, Kinchen N. Council do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of April A.D. 1879.

Kinchen N. Council (Seal)

(P.S.) I want him to have my surveying instruments and Arthur my mill rock and fixtures at Meers's

N. N. Council

North Carolina)
Bladen County In the Superior Court

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and testament of N. N. Council, deceased, is exhibited in open court for probate by James Council, the executor therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of James Council that said paper writing was found among the valuable papers and effects of said N. N. Council, deceased after his death, and it is further proved on the oath and examination of three credible persons to wit: B. Fitz Randolph, N. N. Melvin and W. H. Sykes that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said N. N. Council having often seen his handwriting and him write and that they really believe that the name of the said N. N. Council subscribed to said will and the said will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said Kinchen N. Council. It is therefore considered and adjudged by the court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said N. N. Council and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed according to law. And the Executor therein named, James Council, comes forward and is duly qualified as such.

This the 31st day of May A.D. 1879

G. H. Melvin, (Clerk of the Superior Court of Bladen County)

Will of
Charles Drey

State of North Carolina Bladen County

I Charles Drey, of the State and County aforesaid, of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, 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 I will and desire that my executor and executrix, hereinafter named, shall prepare for my body a decent burial after death suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends.

Second. It is my will and desire that my executor and executrix or either of them shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses to whomsoever owing out of the first moneys that may come into their hands or either of them as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item: It is my will that my executor and executrix or either of them pay to Fannin Ann Pait, daughter of Barn Pait, the sum of five dollars & 00 out of my estate to have and to hold the same unto her and her heirs forever.

Item: I devise give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Caroline Singletary wife of Monroe Singletary the residue of my estate both real and personal, viz: All the lands that I own or have an interest in or to, as also all money notes, judgments, household and kitchen furniture, stock, horses, cattle, hogs & sheep to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs forever with the following reservation, namely, that my brother John Drey shall occupy, use and control the real estate that I may be possessed of at my death, should he survive me, during his natural lifetime and after his death the same is to go to the said Elizabeth Caroline Singletary as hereinbefore mentioned.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Monroe Singletary my nephew by marriage and my niece Elizabeth Caroline Singletary wife of the said Monroe Singletary my lawful executor and executrix 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 and of no effect all wills or testaments by me heretofore made. And I will state that I executed a will bearing date August 1878 the same being witnessed by T. H. Drey.

G. W. Benson and the reason I substitute this my last will and testament for the one last referred to is a mistake occurred in writing the name of one of the legacies. It was written Julia Ann Pait whereas it should be Jennie Ann Pait as written in this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of and at my request Isaac A. Davis & Erander Singletary
 This the 24th day of April A.D. 1882. Charles Irey
 signed in the presence of
 Isaac A. Davis and
 Erander Singletary who, at the testator's request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses
 The day and year above written.
 I A. Davis
 Erander Singletary.

North Carolina } Probate of Will
 Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Irey, decd., is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for Bladen County by Monroe Singletary the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Charles Irey by the oath and examination of I. A. Davis who having duly sworn says that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Irey. That the said Charles Irey in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name to the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 24th day of April 1882. And the deponent further says that the said Charles Irey the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon at the request of the said Charles Irey and in his presence and in the presence of Erander Singletary, the other attesting witness thereto, sub-

scribed his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto. And this deponent further saith that the said Erander Singletary did in the presence of Charles Irey and at his request and in the presence of this deponent signed his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto. And this deponent further says that at the time when the said testator signed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Charles Irey 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 this deponent. And C. S. Edwards being duly sworn, deposes and saith that Erander Singletary the other attesting witness thereto resides out of the State, to-wit: in Washington City, D.C.; that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Erander Singletary & the said testator Charles Irey, having often seen each of them write and verily believes that the signature of the said Erander Singletary is in his own proper handwriting and that the signature of the said Charles Irey is also in his own proper handwriting of the said Charles Irey and that both of said signatures are genuine. Subscribed and sworn to before
 me this the 1st day of August 1884
 George F. McElvin

I. A. Davis
 C. S. Edwards

State of North Carolina }
 Bladen County } In Superior Court.
 In the matter of the last will of Charles Irey.
 It appearing to the Court by the foregoing affidavits of the subscribing witnesses thereto that the paper writing propounded by the executor therein named is the last will and testament of the Irey and that the same was duly executed by the said Charles Irey in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Charles Irey 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 Charles Irey, and the executor therein named qualify as such.
 This the 1st day of August 1884
 Geo. F. McElvin, Clerk
 Superior Court