

McLeod 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 those deponent, and further this deponent saith not
 Sprung to and subscribed before me } M. G. McLeod.
 this 7th Aug. 1876. } E. J. McLeod.
 Exarles Singleton
 Judge of Probate

Will of Daniel Johnson
 The last will of Daniel Johnson of the county of Bladen in the State of North Carolina.

First:

Item 2nd

Item 3rd

I Daniel Johnson of the County of Bladen in the State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (Blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last will, and testament in manner and form following that is to say

That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Margaret Johnson all of my earthly substance after paying my just debts and necessary expenses to have and to hold to her the said Margaret Johnson for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood.

My will and desire is that after the death of my beloved wife Margaret Catharine West shall have the home and premises I now occupy together with the survey of land upon they are now situated to have and to hold unto her, with all and singular the privileges appurtenances thereunto belonging during the term of her natural life, and at the expiration of her natural life the said premises and everything thereunto belonging to be equally divided among the parties to whom I bequeath the remainder of my lands hereinafter

Item 4th

mentioned
 I desire that at the death of my beloved wife Margaret all the lands owned by her (except that bequeathed to Catharine West hereinafter) be equally divided between the following named persons, formerly the slaves of me the said Daniel Johnson, viz: Sandy, Nancy, Samuel, Henry, James Amos, Elijah and Stephen. Each to share and to share alike conditioned that the above named persons do assist and take care of my said beloved wife during her natural life, but if any or all of them shall neglect or refuse to assist or take care of my said wife Margaret then in that case he, she or they shall be disinherited.

Item 5th

Item 6th

I give and bequeath to Joshua Johnson one feather bed (his choice).

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devises as above mentioned shall be sold and the debt owing collected one hundred dollars be paid to the trustees of Hanson church which is to be kept on interest and ten dollars paid per year to the support of the pastor in charge of said church and the surplus if any shall be equally divided and paid out to my worthy friends Joshua Johnson and James Johnson and Catharine West if she be then living but if she is not then living these such surplus shall be divided between said Joshua Johnson and James Johnson share and share alike to them, their heirs administrators, executors, and assigns absolutely forever. And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Taylor Johnson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true meaning and intents of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Daniel Johnson do hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of February 1872.

Signed, sealed and published in presence of us
 Joshua Johnson
 Robert L. Bryan
 Daniel Johnson

State of North Carolina) Probate of Wills
Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel Johnson, decd., is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen county by Sandy Johnson, C. H. Johnson the executor therein named, the executors having renounced, and the due execution thereof by the said Daniel Johnson by the oath and examination of Joshua Johnson and Robert L. Bryan who being duly sworn both depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel Johnson, that the said Daniel Johnson in presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 24th day of February 1872. And the deponent further saith that the said Daniel Johnson the testator aforesaid died at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at his request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith, at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereunto as aforesaid the said Daniel Johnson 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 further these deponents say not.

Sworn and subscribed
before me this 9th day of
September 1880
C. Snigdetary
Judge of Probate

Joshua Johnson
Robert L. Bryan

Will of
Catharine Barnhill

I Catharine Ann Barnhill of Trenches Creek township, Bladen county, State of North Carolina, make this my last will: I give, devise and bequeath my property as follows, that is to say after my debts are all paid I bequeath to Margaret Sherman one bed, fifty dollars to assist in educating her son Willie Sherman, one sow and pigs. I bequeath to Cathie Robeson Kelly twenty-five dollars. I bequeath to the Rev. J. W. Haison twenty-five dollars. I bequeath to Ann M. Boswell, Priscilla Boswell, and Ellen Boswell each five dollars. I bequeath to Lewis C. Boswell one cow and calf. I bequeath to my sister Elizabeth J. Larkins ten dollars and to Ann Sophia Glisson ten dollars. I bequeath to my sister Elizabeth J. Larkins one bureau. I bequeath to my son Columbus Anders my notes consisting of one on Franklin Anders for seventy dollars and one on E. H. Anders for five hundred and seventy-five dollars, one on Eli Larkins ninety-five dollars and the balance of my property that I have not disposed of otherwise to be given to my son Columbus Anders. It is my wish that my son shall live and be under care and guidance of Franklin Anders. I also wish all my cattle, hogs, sheep, horse, buggy, cart, cooking utensils and farming tools to be sold. The property as bequeathed to my son Columbus Anders is to be placed in charge of my executor Franklin Anders to be used for my son as the said Franklin Anders thinks best. I appoint Franklin Anders of Trenches Creek twp, Bladen County, State of North Carolina, farmer by occupation, executor of this will and guardian for my son. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published said declared this instrument at home in Trenches Creek township, Bladen County, State of North Carolina, July the 19th, 1878.

Catharine A. Barnhill (Seal)
The said Catharine A. Barnhill at said home on said July the 19th, 1878, signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for her last will and in her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have