

RECORD OF WILLS.

Reverent Set my hand and seal this the 26th day of April A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty four.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Daniel Clark, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in whose presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

H. K. Council
C. H. Perry

David Clark, Deal

I, David J. Smith 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 that 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 my just debts not paid and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

I give and bequeath to my sister Martha wife of William Smith fifty cents in money.

I give and bequeath to my sister Margaret wife of Robert Smith fifty cents.

I give and bequeath to my Brother Daniel Smith fifty cents in money.

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I give and bequeath to my Brother Amos Smith fifty cents in money.

I give and bequeath to my sister Mary wife of Guiford Morris, fifty cents in money.

I give and bequeath to my sister Susanna wife of James Long, fifty cents in money.

I give and bequeath to my sister Percy single Woman all the residue of my estate, after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus not and above the payments of debt, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be paid out to my said sister Percy together with all my goods and chattels lands and tenements

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty father John D. Smith 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 hereby revoking and declaring utterly void, all other Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made.

In Witness whereof I the said David J. Smith do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 26th day of November A.D. 1854.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said David J. Smith to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request, and in his presence do subscribe our witnesses thereto.

Test. John Cain
Wm. Smith

David J. Smith Deal

North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, February Term 1855.

John D. Smith brings into Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David J. Smith and propounds the same for Probate, as the last will and testament of

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David J. Smith deceased, and the execution of the same being proven by the oath of Charles Smith, a subscribing witness thereto, it is ordered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of David J. Smith, sufficient to pass both Real and personal estate.

It is therefore ordered that Letters Testamentary issue to John D. Smith Senr, the Executor mentioned in said Will.

Whereupon John D. Smith the Executor, thereto named is duly qualified in open Court as Executor thereto and takes upon himself the due execution of said last Will and Testament.

Attest. D. F. Pennington Clerk

In the Name of God "Amen"
I James Child 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 public and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.
First That my Executor herein after 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 hereunto and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
After all of my just debts shall have been paid by my Executor herein after named, out of the

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moneys arising from the sale of my perishable property of a sale thereof by him shall be deemed necessary or out of the moneys collected by him upon the notes which may be due at my death my will and desire is and I hereby do direct my Executor herein after named, that the residue and remainder of all my moneys notes and valuable papers of every kind together with all my personal and perishable property shall go to David Mott to whom I hereby give and bequeath the same to him and his heirs forever.

I give and devise to David Mott all that lot of land, whereon I now live situated in the town of Elizabeth to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend, John A. McDonnell, my lawful Executor, to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and every part and clause thereof, hereby making and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said James Child do hereunto set my hand and seal the 28th day of January A.D. 1855.

James Child Sub

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said James Child to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John D. Lytle
John A. Richardson

North Carolina, } Court of Pleas & Quarter
Bladen County } Sessions May Term A.D. 1855.

John A. McDonnell brings into Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Child and offers the same for Probate and