

RECORD OF WILLS.

Will of
Demaris Melvin
Rosana J.
Melvin

In the name of God, Amen. We, Demaris Melvin and Rosana J. Melvin of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this to be our last will and testament in manner and form following. Item first I the said Demaris Melvin if I should die before my sister Rosana J. Melvin then I leave and bequeath to my sister Rosana J. Melvin, after paying all my just debts if any, all my lands both on South river and Cape Fear river and all that was left to me by my father and by my brother Jonathan Melvin, and all my household and kitchen furniture, also my stock, hogs and cattle, notes and accounts and everything of all kinds that I shall have to be hers, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item second, I the said Rosana J. Melvin if I should die before my sister Demaris Melvin then in that case I leave and bequeath to my sister Demaris Melvin all the lands that I hold both on South river and on Cape Fear river with those left to me by my father and my brother Jonathan Melvin to be hers, her heirs and assigns forever and I give and bequeath to the said Demaris Melvin all my interest in the stock of every kind, together with my household and kitchen furniture with all notes, acct. and claims to her heirs and assigns forever. Item third, and after the death of both of us, we then jointly will, leave and bequeath all of the lands, goods, notes, accounts, household and kitchen furniture, stock of all kinds and everything that we may leave to our next kin, brothers and sisters namely James Melvin and his heirs, Robert Melvin now dead to his heirs, Catherine Bullard now dead to her heirs, to be equally divided between these three above named and their heirs and assigns and where any of, or all of them should be dead then their share to be divided between their heirs except in the case of Elizabeth Laton and Joshua Laton we will and bequeath to her the place or tract of land she now lives on during her life and the life of Joshua Laton her husband and after

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their death we will and leave the same to Henry Melvin to be his, his heirs and assigns from the above named to be theirs, their heirs and assigns forever. And we do hereby appoint our worthy friend Daniel Miles Melvin our lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this our last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by us heretofore made.

In witness whereof the said Demaris Melvin and Rosana J. Melvin do hereby set our hands and seals this the 13th day of February One thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880).

Witnesses
W. B. Baker
W. J. Melvin
W. S. Melvin

(Signed) Demaris ^{her} Melvin (Seal)
Rosana J. ^{her} Melvin (Seal)

State of North Carolina)
Bladen County) Probate of Will.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Demaris Melvin and Rosana J. Melvin, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen county by D. M. Melvin, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Demaris Melvin and Rosana J. Melvin by the oath and examination of W. S. Melvin, and W. J. Melvin, who being duly sworn doth 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 Demaris Melvin and Rosana J. Melvin, that the said Demaris & Rosana J. Melvin in presence of this deponent subscribed their names at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 13th day of February 1880.

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And the deponent further saith that the said Demaris Melvin and Rosana J. Melvin, the testators aforesaid did at the time of subscribing their names aforesaid, deduce the said paper writing, so subscribed by them and exhibited to be their last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at their request and in the presence of the said testators. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testators subscribed their names to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Demaris Melvin and Rosana J. Melvin were 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.

Given to and sub. (Signed) W. F. Melvin
scribed before me
this 22nd day of September 1882

W. F. Melvin,
Judge of Probate.

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Will of
Archib Whitted

State of N.C.
County of Bladen

In the name of God Amen.

I, Archib Whitted of the county and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and understanding but weak of body, thanks be God for the same, do make this my last will and testament:

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Lemar 12 acres land to include the dwelling and place where I now live.

Item 2nd To my beloved daughter Charlotte 12 acres land

Item 3rd To my beloved son Lincoln 12 acres of land

Item 4th To my beloved daughter Amelia Ann 12 acres

Item 5th To my beloved son Rufus 12 acres

Item 6th To my beloved daughter Emelott 3 1/2 acres

Item 7th At the time of my death my executor will proceed and sell all my personal property to the highest bidder for cash after giving due notice and equally divide the proceeds of such sale between my children Rufus, Laman, Charlotte, Lincoln, Amelia Ann and Emelott. I further appoint Lyman Robinson son, my sole executor to this my last will and testament and further appoint my said executor the guardian for my minor heirs, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and declared this my last will and testament in presence of

Witness

A. McDonald
E. W. Bsters.

Signed Archib his W. Whitted (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Probate of Will
Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Archib Whitted, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County by Lyman Robinson, the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Archib Whitted to the oath and