

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God. Amen

I George H. Melvin of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, Planter and Sheriff of This State, in said County, being fully impressed with the shortness of time, languishing with the ills that assail our nature though in full possession of the powers of mind with which God has blessed me, do make and ordain this my last Will and testament as follows.

It is my Will that all my just debts be paid as speedily as the Nature of the Case will admit and for this purpose desire that the tract of land lately purchased on the Cape Fear River known as the Mc-Lelland land be sold and the proceeds be applied for this purpose and my lands also known as the Mallitt land in Randolph County, for the same purpose and for five children also to be sold in that time as my Executors may deem most advisable to enhance the value of the aforesaid property, and the proceeds as soon as realized be applied as above desired and if the aforesaid tracts of land and negroes together with such debts as may be due me do not afford sufficient means to accomplish this end, it is my desire that they sell such other property as they may deem most advisable and in sufficient amount to pay all my just debts.

I give and bequeath unto my truly beloved
wife Chung Jane. The following property to wit:

Peter, Rose, and her children, Mary and her child, Andrew & Mary, & Clement, Sam, David and Jacob, the plantation where I now live and improvements and all the household furniture all my stock of hogs and cattle and mules and my Blue horse and my Buggy and harness, and all my farming implements.

It is my desire that my daughter Hannah
shall have the foregoing property for her share of
the estate, and her portion to hold - during and after
her life.

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Julia Ann. and her children. Ssgt. Sarah Pitt. Prince and
"Pete. Alfred", also:

The old plantation which I have purchased at my father's sale and my mare "Little Kate"

It is my Will that all Property not devised in the foregoing items be equally divided between my dear wife and my beloved daughter before named. and it is further my wish that whenever my wife or my daughter dies. Then the Property devised to them positively shall revert to the Survivor unless in the event of either leaving him of their bodies. Then the heirs to inherit or should they or either of them marry or die leaving husbands surviving them with out children then the husbands to inherit what they leave.

Partly I appoint and nominate my beloved wife Ann Jane and daughter Hannah Jane. Executors of this my last Will and Testament. To execute the same in accordance with its instructions before named.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 20th day December A.D. 1846.

signed and sealed in
the presence of W. H.
Robinson and G. S. McMillan
who have hereto affixed
our names in his presence
at his request, and in the
presence of each other.

H. H. Robinson
G. J. McMichael

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Bladen County } Zella Term 1847-

There in open Court was this Will proved by John de
Humeau, At Roberson, and R. L. McWilliam, Jurors
Thereof, and ordered to be recorded in the Books of
the County of Bladen.

Nov. 26, 1895