

Will of
J. J. LucasState of North Carolina
Bladen county

I, J. J. Lucas of the county of Bladen and State aforesaid, 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, Monies and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate. Item, I give and devise to my beloved wife Virginia Lucas all of my real and personal property not heretofore given to my son W. H. G. Lucas and the heirs of my daughters Mary A. Melvin, viz. Mary E. Melvin, Mrs. M. Melvin, Ella D. Melvin and Ronald G. Melvin, to be at her full disposal and use during her natural life or widowhood, but not right to sell or convey any of said property unless it may be absolutely necessary for the education of my children (viz. John D. A. Lucas, Thomas A. E. Lucas and Owen M. Lucas or for the support of herself and said children (Item). My will and desire is that at the marriage or death of my wife that all the property be equally divided between my three sons above named both real and personal property to share and share alike. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William H. G. Lucas and my wife V. J. Lucas my lawful executor and executrix 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 will and testament by me heretofore made.

Signed J. J. Lucas (read)

North Carolina
Bladen county
Superior Court
Feb'y 18th 1884.A paper writing with out
subscribing my name purporting to be the last

will and testament of J. J. Lucas, deceased, is exhibited for perusal in open court by W. H. G. Lucas one of the executors therein named, and it is thereupon proven by the oath and examination of the said W. H. G. Lucas that he said will was found among the valuable papers of the said J. J. Lucas after his death, and it is further proven by the oath and examination of Evan Rothwell, C. C. Lyn, L. J. Hall that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said J. J. Lucas and verily believe that the name of the said J. J. Lucas subscribed to the said will and the said will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said J. J. Lucas.

It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said J. J. Lucas and the same is ordered recorded and filed.

E. F. Melvin, C. J.

Will of
J. W. Pardie

In the name of God Amen.
I, John W. Pardie being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, hereby revoking any former will by me made.

1st I give and bequeath all my estate both real and personal (with the exception hereinafter mentioned) to my beloved wife Sallie Pardie in trust for the benefit of the children the issue of our marriage to be used for their maintenance and education until the eldest shall arrive at the age of maturity, at which time it is my desire that the property be equally divided between my wife and the children the issue of our marriage.

2nd To my son James A. Pardie & his heirs I give and bequeath one hundred and fifty acres of land part of the River tract beginning at the back line and running west with the line towards the river - then twenty acres including the mill - beginning at a stake on the lower line on the road leading to William C. Melvin and running with that road to the point of the mill pond so as to include the land used by C. W. G. Lucas as a