

RECORD OF WILLS.

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.

Then

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

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Execution of the same being duly proven by the oaths of John D. Lytle and John C. Richardson, as to the Will and Testament of the said James Child.

Whereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded in the Will Book.

John A. McDowell the Executor therein named is duly qualified in open Court and it is ordered that Letters Testamentary issue to him.

Attest. J. F. Cummings clk

State of North Carolina
Bladen County

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.

I Request that all my just debts be paid

It is my Will that my dear beloved Wife has all the Plantation premises of my land on the West Side of the Branch leading from the Brant-dam to Carters, for Casine during widowhood and no longer one Bed and furniture and kitchen furniture, two Oxen and Calves, five sheep and two Hens and six Head of my Hogs and two dollars in money and ten pounds of Coffee five gallons of molasses, and two thirds of what Crop that may be in hand at my death.

It is my Will that my daughter Eliza Bryant has two dollars in money, and a cow and lamb.

It is my Will that my daughter Elizabeth Ann Bryant has

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two dollars in money a cow and lamb

It is my Will that my son Robert Bryant have twenty dollars in money and a cow and pig.

It is my Will that my son Levi Bryant have twenty dollars in money and a cow and pig.

It is my Will that my daughter Lucy Bryant have forty dollars in money.

It is my Will that my daughter Josephine Bryant have thirty five dollars in money.

It is my Will that my daughter Rebecca Jane Bryant have forty five dollars in money.

It is my Will that David Bryant have one cow and pig, and J. J. Bryant have a cow and pig.

It is my Will that all the dwelling house furniture be left to the heirs of the heirs, and one bond maid and cart be left to the heirs of the same, all the balance to be sold.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend John 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 by me heretofore made.

Witness the said William Bryant hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifteenth day 1854.

Attest
Charles Jones
Robert Melvin

his
William Bryant
mark

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter
Bladen County } Sessions, August Term 1855

There was the due execution proven in open Court by the oaths of Charles Jones a subscribing Witness. It is ordered by the Court, that the same is sufficiently executed to pass Real and Personal Property.