

RECORD OF WILLS.

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In the Name of God "Amen". I James Meredith
 Clerk Carolina } being in good health and of
 Bladen County } sound mind and memory, blessed
 be God, for the same do take into consideration the
 uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do
 think proper to dispose of my worldly affairs in the
 following manner to wit.

I give and grant unto my beloved wife Sarah all
 of my lands during her natural life and after her
 death, the said lands to my son James &c.

I give unto my said wife during her natural life
 all my other property consisting of Negroes, stock of
 horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, household and kitchen furniture,
 farming utensils, money, notes, accounts and provisions
 and after her death to be equally divided among my
 heirs.

I have heretofore given my daughter, Ellen Jane,
 four hundred dollars to my lands, now to make her sister
 equal, I give to Sarah Ann four hundred dollars, to
 be paid her when she may think proper to leave her mother
 to be paid her out of my perishable property.

I do hereby ordain, nominate and appoint my son
 James M. Meredith Executor to this my last will and
 testament.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and
 seal this 22 day of June in the year of our Lord 1850
 In presence of

Test. } James Meredith Seal
 W. H. Baumman }
 W. J. Parker. }

"Codicil"

I James Meredith of the State of North Carolina
 and County of Bladen, being of sound mind and
 memory do think proper to make this my Codicil
 annexed to this to make a more equal distribution
 of my property among my children
 I have given to my son James all of my

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land that is to take possession after his mother's death, not
 to make his sister more equal with him.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Ellen Jane,
 Collins, a Negro boy named "Sam" she is to take possession
 of said Negro boy at the death of her mother and after the
 Negro reaches his death then said boy to go to the use
 and benefit of her children.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah
 Ann Sanders, one Negro boy named "Mury". she is
 to take possession of said Negro boy at the death of
 her mother, and hold said boy until her death, and
 then said boy to go to the use of, and benefit of her
 children.

Test. W. H. Baumman } James Meredith Seal
 A. Murphy }

Clerk Carolina }
 Bladen County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
 do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct
 copy of the original of the will of James Meredith deceased
 as the same appears from the records of the said Court
 do this 22 day of June 1863

Ch. Paper, making provisions to be the last will and testament
 of James Meredith deceased is exhibited for probate in open
 Court by James M. Meredith the Executor therein named and
 the due execution thereof by the said James Meredith
 is proved by the oath of W. H. Baumman and William J. Parker,
 the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the said will
 thereto is proved by the oath of George H. Baumman, and
 that Archibald Murphy one of the subscribing witnesses
 to the said will is now dead, and it is further proved
 by the oath and examination of Geo. H. Baumman, that
 he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Archibald
 Murphy having often seen him write, and that the name
 of Archibald Murphy subscribed as a witness to the said will
 is in the hand writing of the said Archibald
 Murphy. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the
 said paper making and every part thereof is the last will and
 testament of the said James Meredith, and the same is
 to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said
 James M. Meredith Executor, as aforesaid duly
 by taking the oath required by the Court.

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"Attest"

D. Blue Clerk.
J. P. Cunningham & Co

In the Name of God, Amen

I, Edward Singletary of the County of Glades and State of North Carolina, do hereby declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament as follows.

First, I want my funeral expenses together with my just debt paid as speedily as possible, out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor hereafter named.

2^d I leave to my loving wife Mary Ann Singletary during her widowhood and during that War, which is now going on between the United States and the Confederate States all my lands except the old William Jones plantation and at the expiration of said War, if my son shall return and stay with my wife then she can all Wills together for the benefit of the family, and at the death of my said wife I want all my lands except the old William Jones plantation to be divided equally between my daughters all to share and share alike.

I further leave my said wife all my stock of Cattle and Hogs for her and family, and at the death of my said wife, whatever stock may remain on hand, I want it divided among my daughters, but in case my said wife should hereafter marry, then she shall have an equal share with the children.

I leave my son Calvin no land, or any other property except the House and other property that I have already given him.

I give my son Wright the New Jones plantation containing one hundred and twenty acres to him and his heirs forever, and I make good the gift heretofore given him a

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I give and bequeath to my son Joshua the sum of Five hundred dollars, to him and his heirs in lieu of land and other property.

The residue of my estate after paying my debts and giving off the Legacies heretofore named, in other items of the will, be the same more or less, I want it to be equally divided between my daughters.

I hereby make null and void all former Wills by me heretofore made.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son Calvin Singletary, Executor to this my last will and testament to execute the same to all intents and purposes.

In testimony whereof I Edward Singletary do hereby publish this to be my last will and testament
This the first day of October A.D. 1863.

Witness

C. Monroe.

Edward Singletary.

Rowland Singletary.

Edward Singletary (Seal)

North Carolina
Glades County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
November Term 1863.

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Edward Singletary deceased is exhibited in open Court for probate by Rowland Singletary and due execution thereof is proved by the oath and examination of Calvin Monroe, Edward Singletary and Rowland Singletary, the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Edward Singletary and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

"Attest"

D. Blue Clerk.
J. P. Cunningham & Co