

RECORD OF WILLS.

and Mary Ann Thompson

I hereby make as former. Myself or mine will and wish
I appoint my son William R. Thompson, Executor to
this will. to execute the same, to all intents and purposes
I publish and declare this to be my last will and
testament. This the 5th day of January 1844.

In Presence of
C. Monroe } Lewis Thompson
John T. Dutton }
witness

North Carolina }
Bladen County } Court of Magistrate James
May Term 1844

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of Lewis Thompson deceased, is exhibited for probate in
open Court by William R. Thompson the Executor there
named. and the due execution thereof, by the said
Lewis Thompson, is proved by the oath and examination
of Colin Monroe, and John T. Dutton, 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 Lewis Thompson, and the
same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said William R. Thompson
Executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by
taking the oath required by Law.

And enters into bond in the sum of One thousand
dollars with Abraham Dove as security. Thence,

Attest

W. R. C. C.

Dr. F. F. Cummings D.C.

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In the Name of God. Amen

I, James Robert 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 and declare this my last will
and testament in manner and form following that is
to say.

First It is my will and desire that all of my just debt be
paid out of the moneys that may first come into the
hands of my Executors herein after mentioned or regards.

Then I give and devise to my beloved wife Eliza Robert
all of my Real and Personal estate whereunto it may be
together with all of my household and kitchen furniture
and also her choice of all of my stock, during her
widowhood, and that she shall keep my children as well
her, and give them an education out of the proceeds of
my property or estate.

Then It is my will and desire should my wife Eliza marry
that my estate shall be equally divided between my wife
Eliza and all of my children, or should either of my
children marry, or the oldest come of age that my estate
shall be equally divided between my wife and my
children.

Then It is my will and desire should it become necessary to
sell any of my estate, to pay debt, that my Executors herein
after named shall sell part or all of my best land, cheap
I will leave it to their own judgment to sell any part of my
Real or Personal estate, to pay debt.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
trusty, Companion and faithful friends Eliza Robert
and Thomas D. McDowell and John A. McDowell, my
Executors to all intents and purposes. Though should
any of my Negroes misbehave in any manner or
form, whatever, towards my beloved wife Eliza it is
my last will and desire that she shall have full
power, to sell and send of any of my slaves that they
behave - towards her.

In witness whereof I the said James Robert
do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 20th
April A.D. 1844.

James Robert

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North Carolina
Bladen County

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Court of May & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1841

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and testament of James Roberson deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court, by Thomas D. McDowell, one of the Executors therein named, and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of three Competent and Credible witnesses to wit: Durbin Lewis Benjamin, St. Grandolph, and Colin Morrow, that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said James Roberson having often seen him write and truly believe that the name of the said James Roberson subscribes to the said will, and the said will itself and every part thereof, are in the hand writing of the said James Roberson, and it is further proved by the evidence of the above witnesses that the said paper writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the said James Roberson.

It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said James Roberson, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon Thomas D. McDowell, one of the Executors therein named, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by Law, and enters into bonds in the sum of One thousand dollars with Colin Morrow and John D. McDowell as securities therefor.

Attest.

J. Blue Clerk

At T. D. Cunningham D. C.

RECORD OF WILLS.

in the name of God. Amen

I, John Kelly, 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 and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit.

That my Executor herein after 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 Remitted and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and bequeath unto my son William, A. Kelly his heirs and assigns forever, one Red Brick Bed and Furniture and my Gold, Watch and Travelling Trunk but should he die then I want them to go to my son John C. Kelly his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my son John C. Kelly his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son John C. Kelly his heirs and assigns forever one Red Brick Bed and Furniture and my Shot Gun.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Jane two hundred and sixty acres of land including my Mansion House, all out houses, and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Mary Jane for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower, in all my Real Estate. The said land is known as the old Hundred acre Tract and as the Thousand Hundred acre Tract, and forty acres adjoining and thirty acres adjoining Dr. McKinnon.

I give and bequeath unto all my children all my books to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Jane during her natural life my negroes, Gills, Dick and Molly, my Household and Kitchen Furniture Together with the Farming utensils and my Carriage and Harness, Yoke of Oxen and Cart and my gray horse Jack & Co. and twenty head of sheep and my milk cow and calves, my wife chooses in my stock &c.