

RECORD OF WILLS.

to execute a will and was not, under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent.

And further these deponents, say not sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of September 1881

(Signed) N. A. Steadman,
Judge of Probate

Will of
James Melvin

I, James Melvin 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 do affix this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say I give and devise to my beloved wife Mariah Melvin all of my beds and furniture all my household and kitchen furniture, all of my farming tools, all of my stock of all kinds, all notes and accounts and all monies that I may have, and, all my crop of all kinds, everything else that I may have not named in this my will to be hers during her natural lifetime and for her to dispose of as she may see proper. And I do constitute and appoint my friend W. S. Melvin my lawful executor to, all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning. In witness whereof I the said James Melvin, do hereunto set my hand, and seal this 1st day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Witnesses

J. B. Melvin
W. S. Melvin

James Melvin (Seal)

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State of North Carolina }
Bladen County, Probate of Will.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of James Melvin, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County by W. S. Melvin the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said James Melvin by the oath and examination of J. B. Melvin and W. S. Melvin who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself, deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of James Melvin, deceased, that the said James Melvin in presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 1st day of September 1880 and the deponent further saith that the said James Melvin, the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him, and, exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto and at his request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said James Melvin was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of August 1881

(Signed) N. A. Steadman,
Judge of Probate

(Signed) J. B. Melvin
(Signed) W. S. Melvin