

Will of John
N. Burney

I John N. Burney of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina (farmer) make this my last will. I give devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal, as follows that is to say I give to my wife M. R. J. Burney the tract of land on which I now reside to have and to hold during her natural life or during her widowhood, and when either ceases to exist then it is my will that all right and title to said tract shall be in and to my son Daniel J. Burney. I also give and bequeath to my said wife to have and to hold during her natural life all of my household and kitchen furniture, my horse, cattle, sheep, hogs, and other personal property and after her death it is my will that all of said personal property be equally divided between my daughters Lucy, Sarah and James Esther. In case my said wife survives then it is my will that the said personal property be equally divided between my wife and three daughters as above named.

I give and devise to my daughters Lucy, Sarah and James Esther and their heirs the following tracts or parcels of land the same to be equally divided between them at such time and in such a manner as they may think best

- 1st Tract containing one hundred acres more or less known as the McBride land adjoining my home tract
- 2nd Tract joining the last mentioned McBride tract containing 22 acres more or less
- 3rd Tract lying in White's Creek township on the S. W. side of the public road leading from Wilmington to Fayetteville known as the S. A. Monroe land whereon the grist mill now stands containing one hundred and ninety-eight acres more or less I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Hart and her heirs one tract of land lying in and on the Horse Shoe swamp adjoining the lands of Mrs. N. McCall and others containing fifty acres more or less. I give and devise to my sons David J., Andrew F. and John R. one or more tracts of land lying on the north side of the C. C. rail road near Elktonville it being the same land on

which N. S. McLaughlin now resides, and tracts adjoining and also the same land on which a homestead is claimed by said N. S. McLaughlin containing 200 acres more or less I having bought the reversionary interest at a sale of a foreclosure of mortgage.

I have heretofore given to my son Charles J. and Francis J. in person their share of my property.

I appoint my son David A. Burney executor of this my will. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my last will on this 25th day of May A.D. 1882.

John N. Burney (Seal)

The said John N. Burney on the 25th day of May 1882 signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will And so at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other than hereto written our names as subscribing witnesses

A. N. Cromartie
J. M. Johnston

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Bladen County } February 21, 1884.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John N. Burney (deceased), is this day exhibited for probate by David J. Burney the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John N. Burney is proven by the oath and examination in writing of A. N. Cromartie & J. M. Johnston 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 John N. Burney, decd., and the same is hereby ordered to be recorded and filed, and the said David J. Burney the executor therein named comes into court and qualifies as such executor by taking the oath of office as required by law.

Geo. F. Melvin, Clerk
of Superior Court of Bladen County