

Will of
J. J. LucasState of North Carolina
Bladen county

I, J. J. Lucas of the county of Bladen and State aforesaid, 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, that my executor hereinafter 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, Monies and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate. Item, I give and devise to my beloved wife Virginia Lucas all of my real and personal property not heretofore given to my son W. H. G. Lucas and the heirs of my daughters Mary A. Melvin, viz. Mary E. Melvin, Mrs. M. Melvin, Ella D. Melvin and Ronald G. Melvin, to be at her full disposal and use during her natural life or widowhood, but not right to sell or convey any of said property unless it may be absolutely necessary for the education of my children (viz. John D. A. Lucas, Thomas A. E. Lucas and Owen M. Lucas) or for the support of herself and said children (Item). My will and desire is that at the marriage or death of my wife that all the property be equally divided between my three sons above named both real and personal property to share and share alike. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William H. G. Lucas and my wife V. J. Lucas my lawful executor and executrix 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 will and testament by me heretofore made.

Signed J. J. Lucas (read)

North Carolina
Bladen county
Superior Court
Feb'y 18th 1884.A paper writing with out
subscribing my name purporting to be the last

will and testament of J. J. Lucas, deceased, is exhibited for perusal in open court by W. H. G. Lucas one of the executors therein named, and it is thereupon proven by the oath and examination of the said W. H. G. Lucas that he said will was found among the valuable papers of the said J. J. Lucas after his death, and it is further proven by the oath and examination of Evan Rothwell, C. C. Lyn, L. J. Hall that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said J. J. Lucas and verily believe that the name of the said J. J. Lucas subscribed to the said will and the said will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said J. J. Lucas.

It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said J. J. Lucas and the same is ordered recorded and filed.

E. F. Melvin, C. J.

Will of
J. W. Pardie

In the name of God Amen.
I, John W. Pardie being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, hereby revoking any former will by me made.

1st I give and bequeath all my estate both real and personal (with the exception hereinafter mentioned) to my beloved wife Sallie Pardie in trust for the benefit of the children the issue of our marriage to be used for their maintenance and education until the eldest shall arrive at the age of maturity, at which time it is my desire that the property be equally divided between my wife and the children the issue of our marriage.

2nd To my son James A. Pardie & his heirs I give and bequeath one hundred and fifty acres of land part of the River tract beginning at the back line and running west with the line towards the river - then twenty acres including the mill - beginning at a stake on the lower line on the road leading to William C. Melvin and running with that road to the point of the mill pond so as to include the land used by C. W. G. Lucas as a

with the road in the direction of the river sufficient distance to make the 20 acres which 20 acres I desire to be considered as part of the River tract and devised as in Section 1st.

3d To my son James A. Purdie and his heirs I also give the balance unsold of (114) acres on the east side of Harrison's creek adjoining the above.

4th It is my will and desire that the lands hereby devised to my son James A. Purdie shall not be liable for any debt now owing or hereafter contracted by him and if he should die without leaving lawful issue it is my will and desire that said land shall revert to my other children.

5th I hereby constitute W. Douglas Smith and Edward Smith and Henry E. Smith, ^{executors} and my wife Gallie executrix to this my last will and testament, and it is my desire that no bond be required of them and if my executors and executrix shall deem it best in order to carry out the trust confided to my wife to sell a portion of the lands devised to her it is my will and desire that they shall have the power to do so.

Signed and sealed J. W. Purdie (Seal)

in the presence of me
and on the presence
of each other this 8th
day of July, A.D. 1884

Witness
Thos. McDowell
C. C. Lyon

State of North Carolina) Probate of Will
Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of J. W. Purdie, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County by W. D. Smith & H. E. Smith two of the executors named and the due execution thereof by the said J. W. Purdie by the oath and examination of Thomas McDowell and C. C. Lyon who being duly sworn doth depose and say each for himself separately and jointly that he is a

subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown purporting to be the last will and testament of John W. Purdie that the said John W. Purdie 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 eight day of February 1884.

And the deponent further saith that the said John W. Purdie the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and the 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 said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said John W. Purdie 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.

Given to and subscribed
before me this 26th day of
March 1884
G. F. Melvin C. J.