

RECORD OF WILLS.

Will of
J. W. Clark.

I John Washington Clark of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina make this my last will, hereby revoking all former wills. That is to say
I give, devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal to my beloved wife Catharine Ann. Clark to have and to hold during her natural life and after her death it is my will and desire that the same be equally divided between my children namely: Eric C. Clark, J. Marvin Clark, Willie A. Clark, Jerome B. Clark, James H. Clark and Jamie Washington Clark and to their heirs forever.
In case my wife Catharine A. Clark should so desire during her lifetime, she is hereby empowered to convey by deed or otherwise to any one of my said children any of the real or personal property hereby bequeathed and devised as may be agreeable and equitable. It is my will and desire that my executrix hereinafter named shall sell such personal property as she may elect and out of the proceeds thereof apply to the payment of my debts, funeral expenses and cost of administration. If the personal property so selected should not be sufficient to discharge my debts and liabilities then it is my will and desire that said executrix shall sell such tracts or parcels of land hereby devised as she may think best excepting my homestead tract, the William W. Little tract and the Sugar Loaf Point tract as may be required to discharge my debts and liabilities.

I appoint my beloved wife executrix of this my will. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will. At Pheasant, Bladen county, N. C., this 5th day of August A.D. 1887.

J. W. Clark Seal

The said J. W. Clark at Pheasant, his residence on said day August 5th, A.D. 1887 signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will.

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And we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses

A. L. Blue

D. T. Burney

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Bladen County

In the matter of the last will of J. W. Clark
It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of A. L. Blue and D. T. Burney the subscribing witnesses thereto that the paper writing propounded by the executrix therein named is the last will and testament of J. W. Clark and that the same was duly executed by said J. W. Clark in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said J. W. Clark was of sound mind it is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said J. W. Clark and the executrix therein named qualify as such.
This the 22nd day of November 1887

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