

And I do hereby make and ordain my worthy friend John R. Beatty Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Rock, to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the 21st of September A.D. 1836.

Elizabeth Rock *Test*

Signed Sealed and Published in presence of

Test. W. Sutton
Timothy Bridgman

In the name of God Amen

I, John Russ of the County of Beadon and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory Blessed be God do make this the Twenty Fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Seventeen and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following - viz:

First my will is that my wife and family remain and settle on the last purchase of land I made of Mr George Lucas of One hundred and Fifty two acres Thence to clear land and farm raise stock &c &c, and to let me timber at the Customary toll of off of any of my lands if necessary for their support, of my wife and children I further desire that my Executrix keep all my children and all my property together after my just debts are paid until my youngest children are educated.

I also will and desire that my the above one hundred and Fifty two acres of land remain in the possession of my wife and be the support of my children.

during her Natural lifetime and at her decease to be equally divided among all my children and when my youngest is educated then my lands and negroes which is not otherwise divided may be equally divided among my children as above at the decease of my wife. Lydia the above land and girl to be equally divided also. And I hereby make and ordain my wife Lydia Russ Executrix. John A Russ my son Executor of this my Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said John Russ have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed and declared by said John Russ the Testator as his last Will and Testament in presence of us who were present at the time of signing and bearing thereof
Anna Maria Jones.
Benjamin Rock.

John Russ *Test*

I also desire my son John A Russ to take charge of all my property and pay my just debts and keep all the family together and at the death of my wife that my son John A Russ do take care of my daughters until they marry and I also desire that my son John A Russ do give James P Russ and Charles P Russ my son Russ lands that I intended them to have and the balance of my lands to go to my son John A Russ at the death of my wife.

State of North Carolina } Court of Russ and Quarter Sessions
Beadon County } May Term 1838.

The foregoing last Will and Testament of John Russ and the Codicil thereto annexed being offered from Probate. It was duly proved by the oath of James Allen that Benjamin Rock whose name appears as subscribing witness to the last Will and Testament is now deceased and that the Signature is in his own hand.

hand writing - whereupon it was ordered by the Court that the said last Will and Testament be recorded, placed on file among the records of this Court.
 Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of May 1838

In the name of God Amen
 I Sanders Simmons of the State of North Carolina and County of Bladen, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby declare to this the 24th day of October in the Year of our Lord 1836, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say, After my death,
 First it is my Will and desire that all my last cost and charges should be paid, then, Second That my loving wife Ann Maricks should have all my stock of Cattle Horses and Dogs, and shup my Blacksmith tools, and all my Farming tools of every description all my household and kitchen furniture, and I further give and bequeath unto her my Crop of all kinds, and the remainder of my personal money coming after my death.
 And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend John Hair Jun^r Executor of my last Will and Testament
 In witness whereof I the said Sanders Simmons to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Sanders. Simmons test

Signed Sealed and Published and declared by the said Sanders Simmons The Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof.

State of North Carolina
 Bladen County

In the name of God Amen
 I Robt Bright of the state and County of said being in good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make publish and declare this as my last will and testament in manner and form following

- 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Roxanna Bright all my property both real and personal with privilege to sell the same for her support if required during her natural life.
- 2nd I leave unincumbered one head and bedding at the disposal of my wife Roxanna Bright to give to whom she may wish.
- 3rd I give devise and bequeath to John B Brown John Owen and David Gillespie all my property both real and personal after the death of my wife Roxanna Bright upon this special trust and confidence that they the survivors or survivor will hold all the property in trust for the sole use and benefit of my daughter Roxanna Bright wife of John Bright and the heirs of her body for and during her natural life and then for the use and benefit of such of her children as may be living at the time of her death and then their heirs and assigns forever.
- 4th Also it is my sincere and last wish and desire that John B Brown John Owen and David Gillespie divide the property left in this trust as follows.
 After the death of my wife Roxanna Bright I give and bequeath all my property both both real and personal except twenty dollars hereafter to be disposed of to Robt Simpson the son of my wife daughter and the plantation on which I now live to William Henry and to my daughter Roxanna Bright and the heirs of her body during her natural life.