

RECORD OF WILLS.

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter
Bladen County } Sesssion. August Term 1859

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Henry L. Lucas deceased is exhibited for Probate in open Court by William D. Lucas the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Henry L. Lucas is proved by the oath and examination of William Wilson a Subscribing Witness 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 Henry L. Lucas and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said William D. Lucas, Executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by Law,
Test.

Wm. D. Lucas Clerk

I John A. Wooten of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of 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 herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to my friends and pay funeral expenses together with my just debts of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary the Plantation on which I now live for and during her natural life time.

I give her all personal property to viz. Horses.

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Hogs, Corn and fatted Cattle, Darn Land, Stone Lard and Bed in Furniture, of all kinds, Ruggy Carriage &c

I give her my personal property in the foregoing manner that is to say as long as she remains a widow she may have all personal property her life time but if she marries then she has the personal property that comes by her viz. Emily and her children, Eliza and her children, Daniel, West, Jule and Pigeon, the balance of the negroes after her marriage I want hired out and the proceeds applied to the education of my children.

I give and devise my plantation is my children in the following manner, after the death of my wife that my oldest child living shall have the plantation that is to say, if all my children live in all shall live then the oldest is to have the plantation and pay over to each of the other five, Six Hundred dollars each, if only four of them live then the oldest is to have the land and pay over to the other three Seven Hundred and fifty dollars, each, if only three of them live then the oldest is to have the land and pay over to the other two one thousand dollars, if only two live, the oldest to have the land and pay over to the other one fifteen hundred dollars provided that in each of the above cases, if the children are not satisfied to have the land and pay over the amount they may sell or have the land sold and divide the proceeds equal, and if my wife has any more children by me then they come in the ratio as the rest above the above amount are to be paid without interest after the children become twenty one years old.

And it is my will that my personal and personal property, be equal divided between my children after the death of my wife.

It is also my will that the Store House and Warehouse and Lot at White Hall, be leased or rented out from time to time by my Executor until my children become of age and the proceeds be equal divided between them all.

And Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my friend and brother James Connors, together with my loving wife Mary my lawful Executors to execute this my last will to all intents and purposes.

I Remains at my hand and seal on this

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being present to witness the same. June 14th 1853

J. A. Wooten. Seal

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The foregoing paper, writing without subscribing witness purporting to be the last will and testament of John A. Wooten deceased is exhibited in open Court by Mary Wooten, one of the Executors thereof named and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Shadrack Wooten and William H. Hudson, that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said John A. Wooten after his death and it further proved by the oath and examination of these competent and credible witnesses, to wit Miss Graham, William H. Hudson and Shadrack Wooten, that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said John A. Wooten, having often seen him write, and truly believe that the name of the said John A. Wooten subscribed to the said will itself and every part thereof are in the hand writing of the said John A. Wooten and it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that the said hand writing is generally known to the acquaintance of the said John A. Wooten.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper, writing is the last will and testament of the said John A. Wooten and that the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Attest
C. K. McMaster Clerk

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In the Name of God. "Amen"

I Chauncy Monroe of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the 12th day of January in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid.

First I give and bequeath to James Monroe twenty dollars.
Second I give and bequeath to my wife Mrs Colin Malone Hughah, David John and Peter, the balance of my property excepted, ad. cited, and twenty dollars, one Glas one Pocket, one cutting Knife, and grind Stone, which John Monroe is to have more than the rest. Peter Monroe, is to have one Bed and Furniture, one clock more than could share with Colin, Malone, Hughah, and David. And I hereby make and ordain my worthy son Colin Monroe, Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I the said Chauncy Monroe have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Chauncy Monroe, as her last will and testament in presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Test. John S. Willis
Wm Willis

Chauncy Monroe Seal
Mar 10

I Chauncy Monroe do hereby make the following devise I want my crop intended to as I would have done myself, and let the negroes, remain on the plantation to gather all the crop before they are divided.

My will and desire is that my daughter Mary G. Monroe shall have one half of all the corn and all the balance of all the crop, and forage, and all my Hogs. I publish and declare this as a part of my will and testament.

In witness whereof I hereby set my hand and seal the 30th day of April A.D. 1857.

Signed and published before
Wm Willis

Chauncy Monroe Seal