

RECORD OF WILLS.

my Best Saddle and Bridle I leave to my wife and at her death to my daughter and also my stock of hogs

The lumber in my Shop. left. I leave it to make my Coffin. The residue of my estate not disposed of in this Will. I want it all sold. and if the money is not needed to pay debt. so I want it equally divided between my wife and daughter

I make null and void all former Wills or Wills by me made heretofore.

I constitute and appoint my friend Colin Monroe my Executor to this Will to execute the same to all intents and purposes.

I publish and declare this Writing to be my last Will and Testament. This the 29th day of April 1763

Published and declared Thomas Sheridan (Test)
before
John D. Marks
C. Monroe

North Carolina
Bladen County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
February Term 1764

A Paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Sheridan deceased. is exhibited for Probate in open Court by Colin Monroe the Executor therein named. and the due execution thereof by the said Thomas Sheridan is proved by the oath of and examination of John D. Marks. and Colin Monroe 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 Thomas Sheridan.

And the same is ordered to be recorded and filed And the Executor therein named being one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto renounces his right to execute the same

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration with the Will annexed be

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granted to Colin Monroe upon his entering into bond of One hundred dollars with Rowland Singleton as Security thereon. The bond is accordingly executed and filed

and Colin Monroe is qualified in open Court.

Attest

D. Blue Clerk
for A. D. Cunningham S.C.

State of North Carolina
Bladen County

I Joseph Allen of the County and State aforesaid being of Sound Mind and Memory Blessed be God for His mercies. do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

It is my Will and desire that all my just debts. and General Expenses be paid.

It is my Will and desire that my wife Ann Allen Ross during her Widowhood all the lands that I own with the exception of One hundred acres. with the privilege of making any quantity of timber she may wish on the said lands. and the further privilege of making Potatoes on the said lands without being bound to an account for the same.

I also give to my wife Six Cows and Calves Six Hens and Lambs. all of my Stock of Hogs one Horse and one Horse Cart. all my Household and Kitchen furniture all my Plantation tools Together with my Crop of my Wield and all the provisions that may be on hand.

It is my Will and desire that all the divisible property that I may have besides what I have given to my wife be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my daughters.

It is my Will and desire that as to

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Wife Midwinters that the balance of a three hundred
acre tract of land known as the Hartford lands and
a tract of three hundred and thirty acre known
whereon I now live may be equally divided between
my sons Joseph, D. Charles, Th. and William R. Allen.

It is my will that my son David Lewis have a tract
of one hundred acre known as the tract I purchased from
J. D. Marks.

It is my will and desire that my son Edmund have
one hundred acres of land to be laid off from the
Hartford tract beginning at Miss Allen's corner and
running with that line to R. W. Lewis' line then
round so as to include one hundred acre.

It is my will and desire furthermore that if either
of my sons should die before they arrive at the age
of twenty one years it is my will and desire that their
portion of land go to my surviving sons who I have named
last to.

I nominate and appoint my friends Nathaniel Bryan
and David Lewis Executors to this my last will and
testament.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and
affix my seal this 26th day of November A.D. 1867.

Test
H. D. Robinson
David Willis
Joseph
Allen his mark

Clara Carolina
Bladen County
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1868

Ch. Paper writing purporting to be the last will and test-
ament of Joseph Allen deceased was exhibited for probate
in open Court by Nathaniel Bryan one of the Executors
therein named and the due execution thereof by the
said Joseph Allen is proved by the oath and exam-
ination of David Willis one of the subscribing
witnesses therein.

It is the order and decree of the Court that the said

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paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and
testament of the said Joseph Allen, and the same is to be
recorded and filed.

And therefore Nathaniel Bryan one of the Executors therein
named, the other Executor therein named, David Lewis, refusing
to qualify, duly qualified as such by taking the oath
required by law, and with sure bonds in the sum of
Ten thousand dollars, with David Lewis as security thereof
attest

D. D. Allen Clerk.
Pr. F. F. Cunningham Sec.

In the Name of God "Amen"

I, Elizabeth Blackwell
of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory and considering the
uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore
make certain public and declare this to be my last
will and testament. That is to say -

1st After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged
the residue of my property I give and bequeath and
dispose of as follows to wit, to my beloved son
Stephen Blackwell my coat and calf and one spotted
cow. One Shetland Dick, one Trunk and one Bed and
one half of the balance of the dishes, the other half to
my son, W. J. Blackwell, and one pot to my son Stephen
Blackwell, and one table iron stove, axes, and hatchets,
and one clock -

2nd I give to my son Owen Blackwell one Ruffed
Grouse, one Blue Dove one Hen one wheel, one
large Dish, one Red Chest, one Square, 1 Drawing
knife, One Looking glass, One Pair Large Steel yard,
One Bed.

3rd I give to my son, W. J. Blackwell the sum of