

and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend from the lawful claim or claims of any and all persons.
In witness whereof I have signed, and sealed, and published and declared this instrument as my last will. Brown Marsh Township, State and County, aforesaid.

Witnesses

W. M. Kelly
J. M. Mason

Bettie ^{his} _{mark} Brown

State of North Carolina - Bladen County
In Superior Court.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of W. M. Kelly and J. M. Mason the subscribing witnesses thereto that that the paper writing is the last will and testament of Bettie Brown and that the same was duly executed by said Bettie Brown in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Bettie Brown was of sound mind. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Bettie Brown this the 12th day of March 1889.

G. F. Melvin C. J. C.

J. J. Council

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County } April the 17th 1879.

I, Wincham H. Council of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina 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 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 all of my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I also will devise to my beloved wife Catharine Ann Council of my household and kitchen furniture

all of my stock of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses and all of my bees and all the poultry about the yard and all notes & accounts and all farming and mechanic utensils and all provisions that may be on hand and all moneys and all of my lands in Bladen County to use in any way as farming, making turpentine, tar or cutting timber or renting for either moneys or a portion of the crop and stock if necessary for support for herself and children that remain at home as one of the family, and in all other respects that no public sale or vendue be had or made during my wife's natural life but that she enjoy what I leave in any way she thinks best and proper during her natural life & provided. It is my will that out of the above my four younger children namely, Arthur, Kinchen, Cety and Sabin be liberally educated and after the death of my wife or should she marry again, then as soon as practicable in either case let what is left be equally divided among my children, that is the personal property that is each one rendering in what has been advanced to them.

The tracts of land that adjoins where my dwelling is it is my desire that it be divided as follows - namely, that all on the east side of the run of Kinner Swamp and north of the O. C. Railway to my son James Council and all on the west side of the swamp and north of the railroad to Cecil K. Council, and all on the west side of the run of the swamp and south side of the railroad to Arthur L. Council and all on the east side of the run of the swamp and south of the railroad as far down the swamp to a small branch above the Patrick place to Kinchen H. Council, the balance of my lands that adjoins including the Patrick place to John P. Council. My land on Carsons Creek to be divided between Cety and Sabin, and Holden Sutton, the land in Columbus in the purchase of M. Mantoby & wife to Lou & Sally Bunkley & the place where my wife lived to Rachel E. Nye, and the Hawkins place if not redeemed one half to Lou and Sally and the other half to Mary J. Sikes, if redeemed by M. Campbell & wife to Mary J. Sikes, \$200 to Lou and \$200 to Sally and the land to be divided among the rest of my children, a hundred and six acres on the purchase of M. Mantoby & wife on the Rice Branch to John P. Council.

forty acres where J. R. Rues lives which is included in the Carr's Creek land let him and his wife remain undisturbed during their lifetime. And I do hereby appoint my son James Council my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and I do hereby revoke all wills heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I the said Kinchen W. Council do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of April A.D. 1879.

Kinchen W. Council (Seal)

(P.S.) I want him to have my surveying instruments and Arthur my mill rock and fixtures at Mearns.

K. W. Council

North Carolina)
Bladen County) In the Superior Court
A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and testament of K. W. Council, deceased, is exhibited in open court for probate by James Council, the executor therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of James Council that said paper writing was found among the valuable papers and effects of said K. W. Council, deceased after his death, and it is further proved on the oath and examination of three credible persons, to wit: B. Fitz Randolph, W. H. Melvin, and W. H. Sykes that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said K. W. Council having often seen his handwriting and him write and that they really believe that the name of the said K. W. Council subscribed to said will and the said will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said Kinchen W. Council. It is thereupon considered and adjudged by the court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said K. W. Council and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed according to law. And the Executor therein named, James Council, sworn forward and is duly qualified as such.

Witness the 31st day of May A.D. 1879

G. H. Melvin, (Clerk of the Superior Court of Bladen County)

Will of
Charles Drey

State of North Carolina Bladen County
I Charles Drey, of the State and County aforesaid, of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, 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 I will and desire that my executor and executrix, hereinafter named, shall prepare for my body a decent burial after death suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends.
Second. It is my will and desire that my executor and executrix or either of them shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses to whomsoever owing out of the first moneys that may come into their hands or either of them as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item: It is my will that my executor and executrix or either of them pay to Jeannette Ann Pait, daughter of Sam Pait, the sum of five dollars & 00 out of my estate to have and to hold the same unto her and her heirs forever.

Item: I devise give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Caroline Singletary wife of Monroe Singletary the residue of my estate both real and personal, viz: All the lands that I own or have an interest in or to, as also all money, notes, judgments, household and kitchen furniture, stock, horses, cattle, hogs & sheep to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs forever with the following reservation, namely, that my brother John Drey shall occupy, use and control the real estate that I may be possessed of at my death, should he survive me, during his natural lifetime and after his death the same is to go to the said Elizabeth Caroline Singletary as hereinbefore mentioned.
Lastly, I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Monroe Singletary my nephew by marriage and my niece Elizabeth Caroline Singletary wife of the said Monroe Singletary my lawful executor and executrix 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 and of no effect all wills or testaments by me heretofore made. And I will state that I executed a will bearing date August 1878 the same being returned to me by the