

I give it to my two daughters Elizabeth J. Smith and Susan Smith. I give in trust to my daughter Elizabeth J. Smith the remaining one-fourth of my estate to the use and benefit of my two grand children Henry S. Smith and Mary Matilda Antery, but not to go into their hands until they arrive at the age of twenty-one years. Should any one die the other is to have her part and should both die leaving no lawful bodily issue I give and bequeath it to my two daughters Elizabeth J. Smith and Susan Smith. I do hereby constitute and appoint my two daughters Executors to all intents and purposes 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 null and void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I, Mary Smith, do hereby set my hand and seal this the 24th day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

Mary ^{Test} Smith (Seal)
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Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Mary Smith to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witnesses: M. Monroe & J. G. Sutton.

Codicil

I, Mary Smith do hereby annex a codicil to my last will and testament. I give to my granddaughter Margaret Ann Smith one cow and calf, one sow & pigs, one stock bees and I do further give to my daughters Susan Smith, Elizabeth J. Smith, part of all my estate should said Elizabeth J. Smith die leaving no lawful bodily issue, and should my daughter Elizabeth J. Smith

die leaving leaving no lawful bodily issue I give and bequeath her part of all my estate to my daughter Susan Smith. Given under my hand and seal this May 24, 1862
Test: M. Monroe
J. G. Sutton

Mary ^{Test} Smith.
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In Re the last
will and testament
of Mary Smith

Probate Court
Bladen County
May 19, 1871.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Smith, deceased, is exhibited, for Probate in open Court by Elizabeth J. Smith, one of the executrices therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary Smith is proved by the oath and examination of Malcolm Monroe and John G. Sutton, 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 Mary Smith and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed and thereupon the said Elizabeth J. Smith, Executor, as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

D. Blue, Judge of Probate

State of Mississippi
Lauderdale County

I, Lucy Ann Brown of the above county and State, make this my last will and testament, in view of my leaving for the State of North Carolina and not knowing what sort

in the Providence of God happen to me.

Item 1st I give from my estate to my beloved cousin Miss Mattie Brown the sum of five thousand dollars to each of my other cousins the children of John Bright Brown, decd, the sum of one thousand dollars + to the children of M. Asa Brown the sum of one thousand dollars each, except Asa to whom I give three thousand dollars and Mary Lyman Brown the same amount.

Item 2nd I give to my cousins Wesley Purdy and Eliza Purdy as a testimonial of my esteem the sum of one thousand dollars each.

Item 3rd I give to my esteemed and dearly loved cousin Mrs. Ellen Union to purchase some mementos of my affection, gratitude and esteem the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item 4th I give to the Rev. J. O. Steadman as a remembrance of my regards the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item 5th I give to Charles Eager, the son of Mrs. Laura Eager the sum of two thousand dollars to assist in giving him an education.

Item 6th I give to the Rev. George Shaffer the sum of five thousand dollars to be expended by him on the education and comfort of his family in such way as he may think best.

Item 7th I give to my Cousin Miss Sarah B. Norman the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item 8th I give to my aunt Mrs. A. M. Purdie the sum of one thousand dollars to be expended by her for the use and benefit of the Purdie church in N. C.

Item 9th I give to my friend Rev. J. A. Lyon as token of my regards and esteem the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item 10th I give to Bettie Beeley, the daughter of my esteemed friend Rev. P. P. Needley, the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item 11th I give to my cousins the children of Dr. A. Robinson the sum of one thousand dollars each, except little Mary to whom I give three thousand dollars and the like sum

to Charlie.

Item 12th I give to my cousin Mary King the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item 13th I give to my 2nd cousins the children of Walter Lloyd the sum of five hundred dollars each.

Item 14th I give to my cousin Mortimer Brown all my silver plate my gold watch and chain except my silver tankard which I give to Mrs. Union her lifetime.

Item 15. The rest and residue of my estate whether real or personal I give to be divided between the legatees herein named in proportion to the sums herein given.

Item 16th I appoint my friend Thomas Christian as my executor to carry out the provisions of this will and in case of his death Dr. H. Robinson of North Carolina.

Witnesses

Laura E. Eager
Henrietta Banks
A. C. Christian

Lucy Ann Brown. *(Seal)*

The State of Mississippi. }
Lauderdale County

Before me
Early Hendrick, clerk of the Chancery Court in and for said county, this day personally appeared before me Laura E. Eager who being by me duly sworn depose and say that she saw Lucy Ann Brown, now deceased, sign seal and heard her publish and declare the instrument hereto attached to be her last will and testament on the day the same bears date, that is to say the 3rd day of May A.D. 1863. That she the subscribing witness signed said instrument in the presence of the said other subscribing witnesses, who also signed in the presence of the testatrix and that they all signed in the presence of testatrix and in the presence of each other.

in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses Henrietta Banks and A.C. Christian and that at the time of the signing and execution of said instrument she believes and does now believe that the said Lucy Ann Brown was of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding and over the age of twenty-one years.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Court at Columbus this the 27th day of April A.D. 1871

Seal

Early Hendrick
Clerk.

The State of Mississippi }
Lauderdale County

I, Early Hendrick, Clerk of the Chancery Court, in and for said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript will of Lucy Ann Brown is a true transcript of the original now on file in my office. Witness my hand and seal of office at Columbus this the 31st day July A.D. 1871

Early Hendrick, clerk.

The State of Mississippi }
Lauderdale County

I, Theodorick C. Lyon, Chancellor of the 5th District Court of said county, do certify that Early Hendrick whose genuine name and signature appears to the annexed foregoing certificate and attestation, was at the date thereof and now is, the clerk of said county, duly appointed and qualified, and his said certificate and attestation are in due form of law and that the seal hereto attached is the seal of said Chancery Court, and that the said Court is a court of record. Given under my hand and seal at Columbus the 7th day of August 1871.

Theodorick C. Lyon (C.S.)
Chancellor

The State of Mississippi }
Lauderdale County

I, Early Hendrick, Clerk of the Chancery Court of said county, do hereby certify that Theodorick C. Lyon whose genuine signature appears to the annexed and foregoing certificate, is now and was at the time of signing the same Chancellor of the 5th District which includes said county, duly appointed and qualified according to law and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such. In witness whereof I have hereto affixed the seal of said Chancery Court and signed my name this the 7th day of August A.D. 1871.

Seal

Early Hendrick
Clerk.

Probate Court, Bladen County
26 Sept. 1871

On motion it is ordered that letters of administration with the will annexed be granted to Thomas D. McDowell and the same are hereby granted to him.
D. Blue
Judge of Probate.

In the name of God Amen
Be it remembered that I, Samuel Cain, 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 that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my family.