

RECORD OF WILLS.

of I. A. Davis & A. J. Freeman who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel Register, that the said Daniel Register in presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 16th day of October A.D. 1882. And the deponents further saith that the said Daniel Register, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at his request and in the presence of the said testator.

And these deponents further say that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Daniel Register was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of these deponents. And further these deponents say not.

I sworn to and subscribed

before me this 3rd July, A.D. 1885

G. F. McIlvinn CJC

I. A. Davis

A. J. Freeman.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Bladen County }
In the matter of the last will of Daniel Register.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of I. A. Davis and A. J. Freeman the subscribing witnesses thereto that the paper writing propounded by the executor therein named as the last will and testament of Daniel Register and that the same was duly executed by said Daniel Register in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Daniel

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Register was of sound mind it is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing is admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Daniel Register and the executor therein named qualifies as such.

this 2nd day of July 1885

G. F. McIlvinn CJC
Superior Court

Will of
Lyman Council

In the Name of God Amen
I Lyman Council of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina weak of body and of sound mind and memory and understanding Praise be to God for the same do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following
I give devise and bequeath to my beloved son Lyman Council, Jr. all the land adjoining Chas. Munn to contain (20) twenty four acres.

Item To my beloved son Shepherd I give and bequeath 20 acres land joining that given to Lyman Council, Jr. and to include about 2 acres where built a house and joining the part herein given to Alex Council.

Item I give to my beloved son Alex Council a balance of about (4) fourteen acres excepting the two acres to Shepherd Council where he built a house. This tract is the upper line of Chas. Munn. All the personal property owned by me at time of my death I give and bequeath to my wife Caroline Land at her death to be equally distributed to my daughters Lillian, Louisa and Elizabeth. I do now ratify constitute and appoint Lyman Robeson's sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all and every other will or wills at any time heretofore made by me and do declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Lyman Council have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of May A.D. 1882.

Signed, declared and published by the aforesaid Lyman Council as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto
Alex McDonald
Seaborn Piggan
Lyman Council

Witness

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State of North Carolina

Bladen County } I humbly shew by these presents that I
 Caroline Council, wife of Lyman Council, Esq. do give and release
 and convey all my right interest and claim in the lands occu-
 pied by Lyman Council and willed off as stated in the will of Lyman
 Council to the parties as mentioned in said will.

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of June A.D. 1882

In witness

Hes. McDonald.

Caroline Council (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

In Superior Court.

Council.

In the matter of the last will of Lyman

It appearing to the Court by the oath and exam-
 ination of Hes. McDonald, and Ashler Riggan the
 subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing pro-
 pounded by the executor therein named is the
 last will and testament of Lyman Council and that
 the same was duly executed by said Lyman Council
 in the presence of said witnesses and at the time of
 signing the same the said Lyman Council 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
 Lyman Council and the executor therein named
 qualify as such.

This the 14th day of August 1880

G. F. Melvin, Clerk
 Superior Court.

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Will of
W. H. Pridgen

I, William H. Pridgen 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 tes-
 tament 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 relatives and friends and pay all funeral expen-
 ses together with my just debts however and to whom
 soever owing out of the money that may first come into
 his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item

I give and devise to my beloved sister Anna Pridgen
 sixteen acres of land to be set out by metes and bounds
 of the tract whereon I now live so as to include all of my
 lands houses and other improvements thereon to have
 and to hold to her the said Anna Pridgen for and during
 the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in
 lieu of her dower of and in all my real estate. I give and
 bequeath to my beloved sister all of my personal property
 including household and kitchen furniture and
 all stock now belonging to me during her natural life
 and after the death of my beloved sister Anna Pridgen
 all of my real estate I give to my beloved niece Susan
 C. wife of John H. Squires and the heirs of her body in fee
 simple forever. In witness whereof I the said William
 H. Pridgen do hereunto set my hand and seal this
 10th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and eighty-four.

In

presence of

M. P. Peterson
 J. H. Squires

W. H. Pridgen (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

Probate of Will

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament
 of William H. Pridgen, deceased, as exhibited before
 me the undersigned Clerk for Bladen county by
 M. P. Peterson and the due execution thereof by
 the said W. H. Pridgen by the oath and examina-
 tion of M. P. Peterson and J. H. Squires who have