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Will of
M. W. LatonNorth Carolina
Bladen County

First.

I, M. W. Laton of the aforesaid county and State being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament.

My executor hereinafter named shall give me body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first money which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Item first

I give and devise unto my beloved wife Sarah Laton as long as she lives or remains my widow the following property to wit: the house tract of land containing 83 acres more or less also ten stocks of hogs and two sows and three pigs five head fattening hogs two cows and calves four head dry cattle six head sheep, all of the above named stock to be of her choice, so much of the growing crop and provisions on hand as may be allotted by two disinterested persons to be chosen by the executor for the support of her and her children for twelve months. Also as much of my household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils as my executor may think necessary.

Item 2nd

I give and bequeath to my son G. W. Laton one hundred acres of land on the north side of Indian creek and on the west side of Juniper a portion of the William Johnson land to be designated by my executor. I also give to my son G. W. Laton one horse mule named Logan provided he shall hold pay a note due by me to E. J. Lilly.

Item 3rd

I give and bequeath to my three youngest sons J. H. Laton, Marshal C. Laton & David S. Laton one hundred acres of land each to be given as they become twenty one years of age. And if a son should be born to my wife within a reasonable time after my death he shall share as the above named three. The youngest shall have the home place.

Item 4th

I give and bequeath to my sons John W. and A. G.

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Laton, one dollar each to be paid them by my executor and they shall have no further interest in my real or personal property.

Item 5th

My executor hereinafter named shall within a reasonable time after my decease sell by public auction the residue of my property and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided among all my children except the two named in item fourth. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend M. W. Laton 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 every part and clause thereof. In testimony whereof I the said M. W. Laton do hereunto set my hand and seal. Signed, sealed, published and declared by M. W. Laton to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto this the 29th day of July, 1889.

Test

O. J. Laton
O. J. CainM. W. Laton
MarkState of North Carolina
Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of M. W. Laton, deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for Bladen County by M. W. Laton the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said M. W. Laton by the oath and examination of O. J. Cain and O. J. Laton 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 M. W. Laton that the said M. W. Laton in presence of him subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 29th day of July, 1889.

And the deponent further saith that said M. W. Laton the testator, when

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at the time of subscribing his name declare said papers writing so subscribed by him and exhibits to his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at his request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said M. W. Latom 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 this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

D. J. Cain
C. J. Latom

Shown to and subscribed
before me this 12th day of
August 1889

A. J. Melvin C. J.

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Will of
H. R. Frances

I Hubert R. Frances of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do 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: That, that my executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts due: that is, due in the State of North Carolina out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item, first: I give and devise to my beloved wife all of my lands including my mansion house, all out houses and other improvements, to have and to hold to her the said wife of Hubert R. Frances, her name is Nancy E. Frances.

Item second: I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Nancy E. Frances all of my household and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of in my will.

Item third: I give and bequeath to my said wife all of my cattle, and all hogs & horse or mule and all of my tools and all of my farming tools and one cart and all of my crops that is upon the lands of them should be any at my death. If there should be anything over that is not mentioned in this will that belongs to the said Hubert R. Frances shall be sold and the proceeds paid over to my beloved wife.

Lastly I give one dollar to my daughter Helen M. Whithead.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend J. H. Latom and Sylvester Bordeaux my lawful 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. In witness whereof I the said Hubert R. Frances do hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of August 1889

Hubert R. Frances
Signed sealed published and
declared by the said Hubert R. Frances