

daughters Elizabeth Ann one cow and calf, one son and pigs and to my daughter Alice Kemyette one cow and calf, one son and pigs, making them these equal with the rest of my children except my son James who has had all I desire giving him, and I give and devise to my beloved wife the residue of my estate after taking out the debts and legacies before mentioned during her natural life and at her death all my children to have their equal share and share alike except my son James he having recd money in payment for lands an amount sufficient to make him equal with the rest of my children and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons John Nimion & 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.

The said Daniel Smith do herewith set my hand and seal this the twentieth of January A.D. 1876

Leri Bryan
John Cain

Daniel Smith (Seal)

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel Smith decd, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county by John Smith the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Daniel Smith by the oath and examination of Leri Bryan and John Cain the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself doth 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 Smith that the said Daniel Smith in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown and which bears date of the 20th day of January 1876. And

the deponent further saith that the said Daniel Smith the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be 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 the request and in the presence of said testator And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Daniel Smith was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to his knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Known to and subscribed }
before me this 1st day of }
July 1878

Leri Bryan (Seal)
John Cain (Seal)

Ed Singletary Judge of Probate

Will of
Malcom McLeod

In the name of God amen, I, Malcom McLeod 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 therefor make and ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say, first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I am bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit: To my son John William a tract of land containing fifty acres more or less lying on the north side of the Carolina Central Railway and on the east side of the Elizabethtown and Fother Cluff road, said tract known in my family as the "Kelly Field."

To my son Grandet James, a tract of land containing twenty-five acres more or less lying

on the north side of the Carolina Central Railway known as the "Porcupine tract". Also to my son Evander James another tract containing forty nine acres more or less, known as Lot No 1 in survey made by me, beginning in Lewis line on the road and runs with the road S 24 W 14 chs to a stake in back line of a 12 acre survey patented by me in 1863 thence with it N 35 E 14 chs to said Lewis line, thence with it S 50 E 34 chs & 50 chs to beginning.

To my daughter, Fannie Ann, a tract of land known in said survey made by me as Lot No 2 containing forty nine acres more or less, beginning at a stake on the road the 2nd corner of Lot No 1, and runs with the road South 24 W 10 chs 150 chs to a persimmon tree thence to a stake and Sweet Gum pointers thence N 48 W to the 3rd line of a 12 acre survey thence with it N 35 E 13 chs & 50 chs to 3rd corner of Lot No 1, thence with its 2nd line S 48 E 37 chs to the beginning.

To my son Malcom Gifford a tract of land known in said survey made by me as Lot No 3 and including his dwelling house and premises containing 50 acres more or less beginning at a persimmon tree the 2nd corner of Lot No 3 at the county road and runs with said road S 24 W 13 chs to the C. C. Railway, thence N 45 W 37 chs thence S 28 W 7 chs thence W 6 chs, thence N 35 E 21 chs to 4th corner of Lot No 3 thence with it S 48 E to a stake and sweet gum pointers, thence direct to the beginning. Also to my son Malcom Gifford a tract of land near Clarkson depot containing 4 acres more or less which constitutes all the residue of my estate. To my son Evander James I give and bequeath my bay mare "Maj". To my daughter Fannie Ann I give and bequeath my railroad stock in the Carolina Railway formerly the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford railroad.

The residue of my personal property I give and bequeath to my children each an equal share to be divided by them after my death.

Likewise I make, constitute and appoint my said sons John William, Malcom Gifford and

Evander James, to be executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have this day caused my name and seal to be affixed herunto, this April twelfth one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

Malcom McLeod (Seal)
Jas John N. Kelly

The above written instrument was subscribed in our presence by express direction of Malcom McLeod the testator, day and date, above written.

M. L. McLeod
E. J. McLeod

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court.
Claden County } A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Malcom McLeod, decd., is exhibited before me the undersigned judge of probate for said county by John W. McLeod the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Malcom McLeod by the oath of and examination of Evander J. McLeod and Malcom G. McLeod the subscribing witnesses thereto 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. McLeod, decd., that the said Malcom McLeod in the presence of this deponent instructed John W. Kelly to subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date, of the 12th day of April 1875. And the deponent further saith that the said Malcom McLeod declared the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be 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 the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator had his name subscribed to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Malcom

McLeod 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 those deponent, and further this deponent saith not
 Sprung to and subscribed before me } M. G. McLeod.
 this 7th Aug. 1876. } E. J. McLeod.
 Exarles Singleton
 Judge of Probate

Will of Daniel Johnson
 The last will of Daniel Johnson of the county of Bladen in the State of North Carolina.

First:

Item 2nd

Item 3rd

I Daniel Johnson of the County of Bladen in the State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (Blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last will, and testament in manner and form following that is to say

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 howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Margaret Johnson all of my earthly substance after paying my just debts and necessary expenses to have and to hold to her the said Margaret Johnson for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood.

My will and desire is that after the death of my beloved wife Margaret Catharine West shall have the home and premises I now occupy together with the survey of land upon they are now situated to have and to hold unto her, with all and singular the privileges appurtenances thereunto belonging during the term of her natural life, and at the expiration of her natural life the said premises and everything thereunto belonging to be equally divided among the parties to whom I bequeath the remainder of my lands hereinafter

Item 4th

mentioned
 I desire that at the death of my beloved wife Margaret all the lands owned by her (except that bequeathed to Catharine West hereinafter) be equally divided between the following named persons, formerly the slaves of me the said Daniel Johnson, viz: Sandy, Nancy, Samuel, Henry, James Amos, Elijah and Stephen. Each to share and to share alike conditioned that the above named persons do assist and take care of my said beloved wife during her natural life, but if any or all of them shall neglect or refuse to assist or take care of my said wife Margaret then in that case he, she or they shall be disinherited.

Item 5th

I give and bequeath to Joshua Johnson one feather bed (his choice).

Item 6th

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devises as above mentioned shall be sold and the debt owing collected one hundred dollars be paid to the trustees of Hanson church which is to be kept on interest and ten dollars paid per year to the support of the pastor in charge of said church and the surplus if any shall be equally divided and paid out to my worthy friends Joshua Johnson and James Johnson and Catharine West if she be then living but if she is not then living then such surplus shall be divided between said Joshua Johnson and James Johnson share and share alike to them, their heirs administrators, executors, and assigns absolutely forever. And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Taylor Johnson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true meaning and intents of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Daniel Johnson do hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of February 1872.

Signed, sealed and published in presence of us
 Joshua Johnson
 Robert L. Bryan
 Daniel Johnson
 Catharine West