

RECORD OF WILLS.

Will, and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Ann M. Purdie hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of May A.D. 1898.

Witness

W. A. Bizzell
M. McD. Jaton
Jas. S. Robinson

A. M. Purdie (Seal)

State of North Carolina)

Bladen County

Probate of Will

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. Ann M. Purdie, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen county, by Mrs. Eliza J. Dunham, administratrix, and the due execution thereof by the said Ann M. Purdie by the oath and examination of Dr. W. A. Bizzell and Dr. J. S. Robinson 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 Ann M. Purdie, that the said Ann M. Purdie in presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 13th day of May 1898. And the deponent further saith that the said Mrs. Ann M. Purdie, the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name for said declare the said writing as subscribed by him to be the last will and testament, & 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 said time when the said testator subscribed her 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 Ann M. Purdie was of sound mind and memory, of full age is execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further

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these deponents say not.

Given to, and subscribed before me
this 14th day of Nov. 1898

E. Singleton
Judge of Probate

Witnesses } W. A. Bizzell
Jas. S. Robinson

Will of Mary Avery

In the name of God Amen.
I, Mary Avery 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 that my executors Franklin and James Burney shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and for all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Sally, wife of C. Martin the sum of one dollar to be paid by my executors within two years from the time of my death out of my moneys belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of, which sum shall make her a fair and equitable portion according to the value of my estate to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.
I give and bequeath to my oldest son John A. Burney the sum of one dollar as his right and proper share to be paid by my executors in the same manner as the last bequest and in made under the same views in reference to the former advancements.
I give and bequeath to my daughter

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wife of James Evans my loom and instruments, also the table she now has in possession as her right and property forever to be delivered at my death within two years.

I give and bequeath Joseph C. Burney and Maston Burney the sum of one dollar each as their right and property forever to be paid by my executors in the same manner as the last bequest and is made in the same views in reference to the former advancements.

I give and devise to my two sons Frank and James Burney one hundred acres of land being a one third part of the landed estate of my father Joseph Wilson lying on the northeast side of Cape Fear river beginning at a stake and thence to a back ferry pointers on the Cape Fear River bank it being the dividing corner of said lands and Mary J. Councils at present but formerly belonged to the heirs of Joseph Wilson and runs on that line North 40 East 78 chains to the back line of a forty-five acre survey thence with that line North 30 to 7 1/2 chains to the corner of said survey thence with the other line of said survey north 71 to 19 chains and fifty links to the other end a corner of a one hundred and thirty one acre survey then with that line south 21 East 60 chains then south 71 west 6 chains on the right bank on a stake then down the meanders of the river to the beginning corner to have and to hold with their heirs, execs, admors, assigns in fee simple forever. Also to my son Frank Burney one large chest and to my son James Burney one feather bed and belongings thereto.

I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Mary E. Avery wife of Amos Baker, the sum of one dollar to be paid by my executors in the same manner as the last bequest and is made under the same views in reference to the former advancements. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Franklin and James Burney my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the vision intent and meaning of the same

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and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I the said Mary Avery do hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th of January 1845.

Test L. W. Kinlaw
John Price

Mary Avery

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Avery deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County, by Franklin Burney, one of the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary Avery by the oath and examination of L. W. Kinlaw & John Price 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 Mary Avery, that the said Mary Avery in presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 18th day of January 1845.

And the deponent further saith that the said Mary Avery the testator aforesaid did, at the time of subscribing her name aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her 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 her request and in the presence of the said testator.

And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her 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 Mary Avery was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will

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and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of June 1877
 E. Ingletary
 Judge of Probate

Wm. W. Kimbrow
 John Rice

Will of
 R. I. Gillespie

In the name of God Amen.
 I, R. I. Gillespie of Bladen County and the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life doth make and declare this to be his last will, and testament (revoking all other wills by me heretofore made by me as follows:
 I give and bequeath to my Daughters Rebecca Elizabeth Pepper and Mary G. Parker and my grandchildren Mary Elizabeth Parker and Robert Murphy Parker (children of Sallie Jane Parker, decd.) one hundred and sixty-five acres of land more or less and lying between the Cape Fear River and Public road (leading from Wilmington to Fayetteville) and joining the lands of John Monroe and James Gillespie (and part of a tract of land granted to Robert Statton June the 19th, 1736 containing 400 acres) that is to say one-third of the above mentioned 165 acres of land to Rebecca E. Pepper and one-third to Mary G. Parker and the other one-third to Robert H. and Mary E. above mentioned children of Sallie J. Parker deceased. My other two children Caroline White and James Gillespie had an equitable share of my land and real and personal estate heretofore advanced. My wife Elizabeth Gillespie to hold a life time right in said lands and have worked and farmed for her own benefit while she lives.
 I also constitute and appoint my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament.
 Given under my hand and seal the 27th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.
 April 27th 1878
 R. I. Gillespie (Seal)

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Codicil: Not having disposed of the stock and other property I hereby to my said wife Elizabeth & hereby give bequeath to her all my cattle, and hogs and household and kitchen furniture and what money be owing to me at my death.
 April 27th 1878
 Given under my hand and seal
 R. I. Gillespie (Seal)

State of North Carolina
 Bladen County Probate of Will

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard I. Gillespie, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County, by William H. White who applies for letters of administration c.t.a. after renunciation of executor and the due execution thereof by the said R. I. Gillespie + J. H. Cummings by the oath and examination of W. H. White, R. H. Lyon who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he believes the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of R. I. Gillespie is in the hand writing of the said R. I. Gillespie and every part thereof they believe to have been written by him. And the said W. H. White further deposes and saith that the said paper writing was found sealed up among the valuable papers of the said R. I. Gillespie.

And further these deponents say not.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of Feb'y. 1879.
 E. Ingletary
 Judge of Probate

R. H. Lyon
 W. H. White
 J. H. Cummings