

just debts and obligations.

Item 1st. I give and devise to my beloved wife fifty acres of land on the west side of the tract whereon I now live, including the dwelling house and land now in cultivation, also the household and kitchen furniture, together with my stock of cattle; also what provisions I may have on hand in the way of corn and bacon at the time of my decease.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son Elijah M. one rifle and one shot gun, also my farming implements and all the above property that I give to my wife, after her decease.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son James W. as follows, to wit: Harriet Rebecca one-third of a dollar, Margaret one-third of a dollar and James Harrison one-third of a dollar.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Rebecca as follows, to wit: Margaret one dollar.

The residue of my property I have disposed of to ^{my and among} my children by deed of gift, and lastly I do constitute hereby and appoint my son Elijah M. Perry 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, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said John Perry do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 31st day of September Anno Domini 1870.

John Perry (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Perry 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.

J. A. Edwards & D. J. Clark

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
Bladen County } 1st May 1871.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Perry, deceased, is exhibited for probate by Elijah M. Perry, the executor therein named, bearing date of the 31st day of September 1870 & is duly proven by the oath, and examination of J. A. Edwards and D. J. Clark, the subscribing witnesses thereto which deponents swear that to the best of their knowledge and belief the said testator was of sound mind and memory and of full age to execute a will at the time of signing the above will in their presence. It is considered and ordered that said will be admitted to probate.

R. Blue, Judge of Probate

J. A. Edwards.
D. J. Clark.

I Mary Smith, 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 Executors hereinafter named shall pay my funeral expenses out of any moneys of my estate. Secondly that all my just debts be paid out of the first money that may come into their hands out of any portion of my estate. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son J. C. Smith twenty-five cents each. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Delilah Long twenty-five cents each. I give and bequeath to my son John B. Smith twenty-five cents. I give and bequeath three-fourths of all my estate both real and personal to my three daughters namely Eliza J. Smith, Susan Smith and Eliza Smith, but if my said daughter Eliza Smith shall or will marry my son-in-law Alexander Buttry she is to have no portion of my estate.

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 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