

RECORD OF WILLS.

and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed
And thereupon the said Alexander Shaw, Executor
as aforesaid duly qualifies as such, by taking the
oath required by Law

Witness My Hand, this
1st day of November 1860

In the Name of God Amen

I River Jordan, of the County and State of
North Carolina being made of body, but of sound and
disposing mind, memory and understanding considering
the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time
thereof to the end that I may be better prepared
to leave this world when it shall please my God to
call me hence, have now determined what disposition
shall be made of my property after my decease.

I do make public and declare this to be my last
will and Testament, hereby revoking and making null
and void, all former last wills and testaments and
writings in the nature of last wills and Testament by
me heretofore made. And my will is —

That my Executor herein after 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 debt, however and to whomsoever
owing, out of the monies that may first come into his
hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Lucy Ann
the plantation on which I now live including the
land mill together with all the improvements as
well as the cleared land during the term of her
natural life or widowhood

"and"

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I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy Ann
my negro man John and Ponto and my negro woman
Caroline one Day man, the household and kitchen furniture
all of the poultry and domestic fowl, the provisions on
hand at the time of my death, thirty Rod of hogs
fire arms and their Cartridges, or yearlings, and two beef cattle
her choice in all the aforesaid stock to have and to
hold to her the said Lucy Ann for and during the term
of her good natural life or widowhood.

Provided however should she choose to marry again
then and in that case, it is my will and desire that
my youngest son River Calvin have entire control and
absolute possession of all of the property both Real and Personal
give devise and bequeathed to my said wife Lucy Ann

I give and devise to my son Thomas, a tract of land
containing two hundred acres, adjoining the lands of Chiles
Carriv, James Brown, Senr and ———— Dorris, to have
and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and devise to my son Lewis one tract of land
containing one hundred and fifty acres, known as the Joseph
Hester land, for which I have already given him a
deed, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple
forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Lemmon two negro
girls and Abigail the Blacksmith tools.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Jane
wife of Luke Rich, my negro girl Hannah, one note of
hand made by her said husband for the sum of twenty
five dollars, to her heirs and at her absolute disposal
forever.

I give and devise to my son David James, one tract
of land containing one hundred and eighty acres, which land
I bought from Darnabas Brown, to have and to
hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath to my son David James
one hundred and twenty five dollars, to be paid to him
by my Executor herein after named, within six months
from the probate of this my last will and Testament
one shot gun, one Bed and its furniture to be his
at his absolute disposal forever.

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Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ann single woman, one Negro girl named Mary one Bed and 16 furniture

Item I give and devise to my youngest son River Calvin all this tract of land in which I now live except the life estate of my wife devised in a former item of this my Will to Ray and to her to Ray and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son River Calvin one Negro named Peter. the farming and plant iron tools, one Bay Horse named "Starling" one Rifle Gun to be his and at his disposal forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my youngest son River Calvin all of the property personal and Chattel bequeathed in a former item of this my last Will to my wife. to be his at her death or marriage and at his absolute disposal forever.

Item I also give to my son River Calvin one Buggy two Cars two Saddles to be his absolutely forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ann and Martha Jane wife of Luke High my Negro girl Martha to be equally divided between them. share and share alike the said division to be made in what way seems they may choose.

Item My Will and devise is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the legacies and devise above mentioned shall be paid and the debts owing to me collected, and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid out to my children in equal proportions share and share alike to them and each and every of them. Their Executors administrators and assigns forever.

And Lastly. I do hereby constitute my son Lemuel Jordan my lawful Executor to see intact and perform to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. Doing nothing to the contrary. Witness my hand and seal the 15th day of March 1860.

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Testaments by me River Jordan made -

In witness whereof I the said River Jordan do hereunto set my hand and seal the 15th day of March 1860

Signed sealed Published and declared by the said River Jordan 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,

Chell Kelly
Archib. McNeill
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River Jordan
Sub

North Carolina }
Bladen County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions. November Term 1867

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of River Jordan deceased is exhibited for Probate in Open Court by Lemuel Jordan the Executor named. and the Execution thereof by the said River Jordan is proved by the oath and examination of Chell Kelly one of the subscribing witnesses thereof.

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 River Jordan, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Lemuel Jordan Executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by Law.

Witness

J. B. Blue Clerk
J. D. Cunningham D. C.