

the name of John B. Brown
inserted in the last line
before the Execution of this
Will

Robert Cochran
Edward B. Dudley
John Wooster

Thomas Brown Test

October 30th 1813

I Thomas Brown being in sound mind and
after mature deliberation wishing to make some
alteration in relation to and to my last Will
do annex the following Codicil viz

The lot of ground in the Town of Wilmington
lying between Mr. Lott's and Judge Wright's
lot described and given in my above Will to my
children Alexander C. Miller and Margaret Miller -
I now give and bequeath to my children John Brown
and Mary Ann Brown to them and their heirs for
ever.

Item The late division of Slaves frequently associated
dissatisfaction and discontent and as the present
War may afford the means so suitable to escape
from their possessors it is my Will and
desire that no division of my negroes should
take place within the space of two years nor
then if my Executors for prudential reasons think
proper to defer it.

Item The house and lot in the town of Wilmington bounded
by Market and Second streets at present occupied by
Crimmon and given in my before mentioned Will
to John Brown and Mary Ann Brown. I do now give to
my children Alexander C. Miller and Mary Miller
to them and their heirs forever
Signed by my hand and sealed with my seal the 22nd
day of November Anno Domini 1814 -

Witness and sealed
in the presence of us
John Smith
J. Killip

Thomas Brown Test

North Carolina.
Bladen County.

I Robert H. Lyon of Elizabeth
town in the County of Bladen and State of North
Carolina do make public and declare this to be
my last Will and testament hereby revoking all
other by me at any time heretofore made -

My Wife shall have the disposition of my mortal
remains and such disposition shall be subject to
her control and direction entirely but I wish to
remind her here that I want no unnecessary
display made nor any extravagance used for
that purpose a plain slab with my name and
other usual inscriptions ought to be sufficient and
satisfactory to her and my children. I have the
utmost confidence in Gailie.

" 2nd" I give devise and bequeath all the property
that I own to my dear wife Gailie Lyon.
We have children and I am sure she will do
right by them.

3rd My life is insured or rather I have Benefit
Certificates in several Insurance Orders and in these
Certificates I have devised how and to whom and
what sums to my Beneficiaries severally and the
most of them are Infants. Therefore I hereby
Constitute Nominate and appoint my own dear
Wife Gailie Lyon Testamentary Guardian of all
my children. I trust her entirely to collect take care
of and distribute the fund arising from my
Benefit Certificates and from all other sources among
my children as she may think proper and Christian-
like. Care is not provided for as the other children
and they ought to make him equal. All else not
herein expressed. I desire to be understood as
to give effect to this Will and carry out my desires
including power to my Executors.

I hereby appoint my Wife Gailie Lyon Executors to this
my last Will and testament and I also appoint
her Guardian for my children. And of course she
is to have and I direct her to have and receive
all the Testamentary and other of her estate.

for my children from the clerk of the Superior Court or other proper officer without giving any Bond whatever, either as Executor or as Guardian for our children.

In witness whereof, I the said Robert H. Lyon have to this my last Will and Testament consisting of two sheets of paper, subscribed my name and affixed my seal. This the 22^d day of Decr A.D. 1892.

R. H. Lyon in
seal

Signed sealed and published by the said Robert H. Lyon, as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

B. M. Roberts
W. J. Sutton
J. M. Miller

Codicil Cto i

This Codicil is made because Sally Lyon Trustee and Executrix. Thereto named, is now dead, and all powers conferred upon her, and all the duties, directions and injunctions enjoined upon her are hereby transferred to my Executors herein named.

I furthermore my said Executors to observe the following directions. My Law Library I give to my son Henry. The two Gilded sets of furniture in the house belongs to my children, and the other set I want back to have. The furniture all belongs to my wife Sally. All the other furniture belonged to my wife Sally.

All the other furniture Household and otherwise I direct to be sold and the money arising from such sale divided among my three children and my Postage "Pearl" each taking one fourth thereof.

Item 2^d My debts are not numerous, except one of Ten or Hundred dollars secured by a Mortgage. The property so Mortgaged is worth much more than the amount of the debt.

If property could be sold, at all, therefore I prefer that the Mortgagee should foreclose their mortgage on a tract of land in Elizabethtown Township. I direct to be sold, and the proceeds applied to the payment of my other remaining debts. The Horse and buggy is the property of Henry Lyon, but he ought to make Karl and Roy equal with him, by paying them each one third of the value.

Item 3^d It will be observed that in my policies of insurance beneficiaries named Henry, Roy and Karl my children and I have no right to divert any of it, but I express a desire which I hope they will comply with. The desire is that each one of them, will contribute a small amount for the support maintenance and education of Pearl, who I wish treated in all respects as our child. The amount they contribute if anything need not be large.

I suggest that each one contribute and agree to contribute Ten, Five or ten dollars, and this amount to be invested by my Trustees. Remainder to be in some good securities and the principal sum so kept at interest until Pearl is Eighteen years of age, and then this amount, and the balance of interest due paid over to her.

The interest so accruing it being comprised ought to create a sufficient fund for her decent support. I want her to have good training receive a Christian education and kept in good company. I have a few tracts of land in the County, Tills being in my name.

Item 4th I direct to be sold and the proceeds arising from the sale applied to the payment of any debts remaining unpaid or go into the general fund, to be divided among my children and Pearl each one fourth thereof.

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Item 5th.

all my notes and accounts. I direct to be collected and applied in a proper course of administration. All the lands to which my wife Sally died having a title for belonging her to my children and I direct such a disposition as will be most conducive for the welfare of my children they ought to receive the property in Equities. I direct my Executors to pay my usual assessment to the Church at Chatham and to continue paying said Church at least ten dollars a year. Then after and for the purpose of creating a fund out of the interest of which a sufficient amount may be created to pay this Legacy. I direct the following lands sold viz-

Ct. tract of land conveyed to me by Allen High. Three hundred and twenty eight acres in White Oak Township. Known as the Bank land. The whole amount raised from this instrument is to go to the Church in paying Pastors Salary and otherwise. If not enough Revenue my Executors are to pay it out of any other fund except the benefit due to my children which I wish and direct to be properly and legally disposed of according to the terms and contracts contained in the said Certificate.

What I intend and direct is that the persons hereinafter named shall be Testamentary Guardians of my children and heirs and Testamentary Trustees of the same with all the powers rights duties and privileges conferred upon them as such officers -

I want my Executors to pay Peggy Hall and Henrietta Spooman Ten dollars each and to pay Tom Russell and C. D. Biggus twenty dollars each.

The following persons I hereby constitute nominate and appoint Guardians of my children and heirs viz- Wm. C. W. Lynn. C. W. Lynn. R. Henry. Lynn and R. H. North and the following

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persons. I nominate and appoint Executors and Trustees to administer my estate viz- W. C. Lynn. C. W. Lynn. R. Henry. Lynn and R. H. North.

Signed and published and declared by the said Robert H. Lynn as his Codicil to the his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in the presence of each other

Robert H. Lynn
D. T. Austin
L. W. Hartley
L. J. Perry

State of North Carolina
Bladen County

J. S.
In the Superior Court

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Robert H. Lynn deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by C. H. Lynn the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution of the same thereof by the said Robert H. Lynn is proved by the oath and examination of D. H. Roberts and W. H. Willis the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each of himself depose it and say it that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown and purporting to be the last will and Testament of Robert H. Lynn that the said Robert H. Lynn in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing and shown as aforesaid and which have been

2^d day of December 1894. And the deponent further
 sageth that the said Robert H. Lyon the testator
 aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name
 as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as
 subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will
 and testament and the 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 said deponent
 subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto
 as aforesaid the said Robert H. Lyon 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.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed
 this 19th day of Sept 1895
 before me

W. J. Sutton
 C. C.

B. McRoberts
 D. M. Willis

State of North Carolina }
 Gladen County }

In the Superior Court.

A paper writing purporting to be a codicil to the
 last will and testament of Robert H. Lyon deceased
 is exhibited before me the the undersigned Clerk
 of the Superior Court for said County by C. H. Lyon the
 Executor therein mentioned and the due execution
 thereof by the said Robert H. Lyon is proved by the oath
 and examination of Thomas D. Butler and R. H. Storley
 the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn
 do so 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 a
 codicil to the last will and testament of Robert H. Lyon

and that the said Robert H. Lyon in the presence
 of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of
 said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which
 bears no date and the deponent further sageth that
 the said Robert H. Lyon the testator aforesaid did at
 the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid
 declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him
 and exhibited to be a codicil 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 the request and
 in the presence of the said testator. And this de-
 ponent further sageth that at the said time when
 the said testator subscribed his name to the said
 last will as aforesaid and at the time of the
 deponent subscribing his name as an attesting
 witness thereto as aforesaid the said Robert H. Lyon
 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.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed
 this 19th day of Sept 1895
 before me

W. J. Sutton
 Clerk Superior Court

D. M. Butler
 R. H. Storley

North Carolina }
 Gladen County }

In the Superior Court.

Therefore commands and adjudges by the Court that
 the said paper writing and every part thereof is the
 last will and testament of Robert H. Lyon deceased
 and the same with the foregoing examinations and
 this certificate are ordered to be recorded and
 filed.

This the 19th day of September 1895

W. J. Sutton
 Clerk Superior Court

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Bladen County

Before W. J. Sutton
Clerk Superior Court.

In the matter of the last will
of Robert H. Lyon. - C. W. Lyon. being duly
sworn doth say the R. H. Lyon late of said
County is dead having first made and pub-
lished his last will and Testament and that
C. W. Lyon is one of the Executors named
therein - further that the property of the
said R. H. Lyon. consisting of Books. Furniture notes
accounts &c. is worth about \$500⁰⁰ so far as can
be ascertained at the date of this application and
that Henry R. Lyon. Leroy Lyon. and Karl V. Lyon
and others are the parties entitled under said
will to the said property.

Sworn to and Subscribed
before me the 19th day of
Sept. 1895-

W. J. Sutton
Clerk Superior Court.

C. W. Lyon

State of North Carolina
Bladen County

"S"
In the Superior Court

I, C. W. Lyon do solemnly swear or affirm
that I believe this writing to be and contain
the last will and Testament of R. H. Lyon deceased
and that I will well and truly execute the same
by first paying his debts and then his Legacies
as far as the said estate shall extend or the last
will charge me. and that I will well and faithfully
execute the office of an Executor agreeable
to the trust and confidence reposed in me. and
according to Law. - So help me god.

Sworn and Subscribed before me
the 19th day of Sept 1895-

C. W. Lyon

W. J. Sutton, Clerk