

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 signed his name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Jonathan Melvin was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any constraint to knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further this deponent saith not.

Severally sworn and
subscribed this 21st
day of May 1875 before
me Brander Singletary
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina
Bladen County - In Probate Court.

I, William S. Melvin do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Jonathan Melvin, decd., 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 law 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 this 21st day
of May 1875
Brander Singletary
Judge of Probate

Wm S. Melvin

Will of } State of North Carolina. Bladen county.
Sarah H. Carter

In the name of God Amen.
I, Sarah Hance Carter of the county and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory do hereby make this my last will and testament at the same time making, revoking and declaring void all other will or wills by me heretofore made.

First: After my just debts have been paid it is my will and desire that my son Hance J. Carter shall have a right to and enjoy all the privileges arising from the tract of land whereon I now reside during his natural life, this I wish him to have for his attention to me in my old age. After the death of my son H. J. Carter as aforesaid it is my will that the tract of land on which I now reside (containing one hundred and five acres more or less) as aforesaid shall go to my grandson Jeremiah Melvorn Peterson a right to that effect to hereby fully conveyed. I also give and bequeath to my said grandson Jeremiah Melvorn Peterson the remainders of my real estate. If my said grandson Jeremiah M. Peterson as aforesaid should die without issue then it is my will that the whole of said estate shall descend to my granddaughter Mary Nell Peterson. And if my said granddaughter should die leaving no issue then it is my will that the whole of my said estate shall descend to my next of kin and heirs at law.

I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Mary M. Peterson wife of William Peterson all of my personal and perishable property of whatever name it may be known or of whatever description.

I hereby appoint my son Hance J. Carter as executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this 20th day of June A.D. 1868.

Witnessed in the presence of
A. K. Cromartie
James Johnson

Sarah H. Carter
made

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
Bladen county

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah H. Carter, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county by James J. Carter the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Sarah H. Carter by the oath and examination of James Johnson and A. N. Crookmar, 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 Sarah H. Carter, that the said Sarah H. Carter in the 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 25th day of June 1868. And the deponent further saith that the said Sarah H. Carter the testator, aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid did 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 the request, and in the presence of 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 at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Sarah H. Carter 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 8th day
of October A.D. 1875
before me.

E. Sangletary
Probate Judge

A. N. Crookmar (Seal)
James Johnson (Seal)

Wife of John M. Lennor } State of North Carolina. Bladen county.

In humble submission to the will of God, I John M. Lennor 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 publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First: After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I give and devise to my daughter Amanda Frink one hundred and seventy acres of land on south side of Bryan swamp including one tract and a piece of 50 1/2 acres and known as the old Thomas Simpson house bottom. 2nd One hundred and twenty acres part of one hundred and fifty acre tract lying side by side of the above named fifty acres. (To be the thirty acres that is to be cut off the one hundred and fifty must be divided by a line due North and South and on the west end of the said one hundred and fifty acre tract.)

Second: I give and devise to my daughter Francis M. Lennor two tracts of land containing one hundred and sixty-acre acres - 1st tract of nineteen acres lies on to the east of the above named one hundred and fifty acre tract - 2nd tract of one hundred and fifty acres lies south of all the above named lands and corners on the public road.

Third: I give and devise to my son Dennis Lennor two tracts of land lying to the west of the above named lands - 1st tract sixty-three acres 2nd tract one hundred acres lying on the swamp side together with a fraction of the above named thirty acres to make him one hundred and seventy acres.

Fourth: I give and devise to my two daughters Mary M. Lennor and Lucinda Brown two tracts of land on Grassy pond containing two hundred acres, together with the remnant of the above named thirty acres. I have previously deeded a portion