

RECORD OF WILLS.

A.D. 1861. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Archibald Kelly, to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence do subscribe here to.

Chas. Kelly
John C. Kelly } Archibald Kelly. Seal!

In the Name of God "Amen"

I William J. Dunham, of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make public and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. That is to say, - First I wish all my just debts paid and in order to do so with the least possible inconvenience to my wife and children I desire that my Executors shall in a reasonable time after my demise offer and sell at Public or private sale as to them may seem most advantageous to the estate, a part (the opposite) of my land as much as they may consider necessary to meet the amount of my indebtedness.

It is further my desire that my Executors settle out of the first moneys arising from the sale of said land a note made by me to my brother John Dunham and the balance to be applied to the payment of my other debts and to the use of my family.

2nd After the payment of my debts I give and bequeath to my wife Silbriat Dunham during her widowhood all the remaining property that I may die possessed of both Real, Personal and Personal including chattels for the better maintenance of my family and the education of my minor children. Then after her death it is my desire that the estate be equally divided between all my children share and share alike. Nevertheless if my wife Silbriat Dunham should marry again then it is my

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Will and desire that a division take place as soon as convenient of the property given to her, as much as she can direct and the balance to my children share and share alike.

3rd After my demise I do not wish a sale of my perishable property or chattels but that my wife and children may live together and that they may retain them and be as deep and stay to each other and enjoy all in common.

4th And Lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my Brothers James S. Dunham, and my Son William S. Dunham my lawful 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.

In testimony whereof I the said William J. Dunham do hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 21st January 1861. The word appeared in the trust line from the top was interlined before the signing and sealing of this

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William J. Dunham to be 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 do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Edw. B. Richardson
Joseph S. Dunham Jr.
J. R. Dunham

North Carolina

Bladen County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1861

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William J. Dunham deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by William S. Dunham one of the Executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said William J. Dunham is proven by the oath and testimony of Edward B. Richardson and J. R. Dunham.

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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 William J. Deukam, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said William J. Deukam one of the executors therein named, in the last will and testament of the said William J. Deukam, deceased is duly qualified by taking the oath required by law.

W. J. Deukam

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County }

I David Singletary of said State and County do hereby publish and declare this instrument of writing as a formal will or testament as follows. I give and bequeath to my wife Abigail Singletary

One tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres including my house and other buildings also one tract of forty acres next the Archers (brothers) also one tract of thirty five acres joining the above also one tract of twenty five acres more or less joining the one hundred and fifty acre tract and the forty acre tract including part of the plantation and mill pond to the high water mark and to run square with a two hundred and fifty acre tract to said mill pond. also the mill tract including the mill and the above land I give unto the said Abigail Singletary to hold during her natural life and at her death the above named land I give and bequeath to my youngest son James D. Singletary his heirs executors and assigns forever.

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four of my sons Jonathan Singletary David M. Singletary Josiah W. Singletary and Leven D. Singletary to be equally divided between them all and I do give and bequeath the above named land unto them their heirs executors and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my eldest son George D. Singletary one hundred and twenty five dollars in cash for the consideration of land to be paid out of his grand-fathers estate (Jonathan Singletary Senr's estate to him the said George D. Singletary his heirs executors and assigns forever.

My negro property and all my perishable property with all my stock of cattle horses hogs and sheep (that is not included in the above (with the exception that all my debt dobs and all other expenses be paid out of my negro property) I give to my wife Abigail Singletary during her natural life or until she may give it up for a division at her death.

I give and bequeath to my three daughters Sarah E. Singletary Harriet D. Singletary and Mary D. Singletary one hundred and twenty five dollars each in consideration of land to be paid out of the last named property to them their heirs executors and assigns forever.

The balance to be equally divided between all of my children George D. Sarah E. Jonathan David M. Harriet D. Josiah M. Leven D. and James D. Singletary to them their heirs executors and assigns forever.

I do hereby appoint my wife Abigail Singletary as sole executrix of my will and testament to all intents and purposes. I the said David Singletary publish and declare this to be my last will and testament the 30th day of August 1861.

Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of August 1861.
David Singletary
Robert M. Jossens
Jos. E. Singletary

North Carolina }
Bladen County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Chambers Term 1862
At paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said David Singletary deceased.