

RECORD OF WILLS.

State of North Carolina

Bladen County } I humbly shew by these presents that I
 Caroline Council, wife of Lyman Council, Sr, do give and release
 and convey all my right interest and claim in the lands occu-
 pied by Lyman Council and willed off as stated in the will of Lyman
 Council to the parties, as mentioned in said will.

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of June A.D. 1882

In witness

Hes. McDonald.

Caroline Council (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

In Superior Court.

Council.

In the matter of the last will of Lyman

It appearing to the Court by the oath and exam-
 ination of Hes. McDonald, and Ashler Riggan the
 subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing pro-
 pounded by the executor therein named is the
 last will and testament of Lyman Council and that
 the same was duly executed by said Lyman Council
 in the presence of said witnesses and at the time of
 signing the same the said Lyman Council was of
 sound mind. It is therefore adjudged that
 the said paper writing be admitted to probate
 as the last will and testament of the said
 Lyman Council and the executor therein named
 qualify as such.

Thus the 14th day of August 1880

G. F. Melvin, Clerk
 Superior Court.

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Will of
W. H. Pridgen

I, William H. Pridgen 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 declare this my last will and tes-
 tament in manner and form following that is
 to say

First

That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for
 my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of
 my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expen-
 ses together with my just debts howsoever and to whom
 soever owing out of the money that may first come into
 his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item

I give and devise to my beloved sister Anna Pridgen
 sixteen acres of land to be set out by metes and bounds
 of the tract whereon I now live so as to include all of my
 lands houses and other improvements thereon to have
 and to hold to her the said Anna Pridgen for and during
 the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in
 lieu of her dower of and in all my real estate. I give and
 bequeath to my beloved sister all of my personal property
 including household and kitchen furniture and
 all stock now belonging to me during her natural life
 and after the death of my beloved sister Anna Pridgen
 all of my real estate I give to my beloved niece Susan
 C. wife of John H. Squires and the heirs of her body in fee
 simple forever. In witness whereof I the said William
 H. Pridgen do hereunto set my hand and seal this
 10th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and eighty-four.

In

presence of

M. P. Peterson
 J. H. Squires

W. H. Pridgen (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

Probate of Will

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament
 of William H. Pridgen, deceased, as exhibited before
 me the undersigned Clerk for Bladen county by
 M. P. Peterson and the due execution thereof by
 the said W. H. Pridgen by the oath and examina-
 tion of M. P. Peterson and J. H. Squires who have

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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 Wm H. Pridgen, that the said Wm H. Pridgen in presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 10th day of November 1884. And the deponent further saith that the said Wm H. Pridgen the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at his request and in the presence of the said testator.

And these deponents further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Wm H. Pridgen 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 these deponents. And further these deponents say not shown to and subscribed before me this 25th Sept. 1885
 G. F. Melvin Clerk.

M. P. Peterson
 John H. Squires

In the Name of God Amen.

I, Auguste S. Miller, farmer, of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I give will and devise to my two children Mary Miller and Leopold Miller and to their heirs and assigns forever all of the land, tenements, hereditaments and every interest I have in real estate of which I may be seized and possessed in my own right to be held and owned by them in their full and ample manner as I am able

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and capable of holding the same. To my daughter Mary Miller I give will and bequeath a tract of land known as the homestead tract lying on both sides of the Cape Fear river containing six hundred and thirty six (636) acres also another tract lying on the White Oak swamp on the west side of the Cape Fear river containing forty (40) acres. To my son Leopold Miller I give will and bequeath a tract of land known as the Marlville tract lying on both sides of the Carolina Central railway containing one thousand (1000) acres, also another tract known as the Smith place containing one hundred and six (106) acres. It is my will and desire that my children Mary and Leopold Miller shall not dispose of any of the abovesaid real estate until they reach the age of twenty-one (21). I do likewise give and bequeath to my wife Mary E. Miller all of my personal property and all of the proceeds arising from the abovesaid real estate as long as she may live. I do hereby nominate and constitute my wife Mary E. Miller my executrix of this my last will and testament with full power and authority to execute the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof and according to law. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty-six (26) day of September 1885.

Auguste S. Miller. (Seal)

In the presence of these witnesses signed sealed published and declared by the said Auguste S. Miller in the presence of each of us to be his last will and testament to which we are subscribing witnesses at his instance and request.

G. H. Brown
 J. B. Brower

I make this codicil to my will viz: Should my wife marry again then the proceeds of all the above real estate shall be equally divided between my wife Mary E. Miller and my two children Mary and Leopold Miller.

Test J. B. Brown
 H. H. Brown

Auguste S. Miller

Will of
 Auguste S.
 Miller.