

RECORD OF WILLS.

Will of
W. J. C. Bush

State of North Carolina
Bladen County

In the year of God A.D.

I, William J. C. Bush of the State and county above being in feeble bodily condition but of sound and reasoning mind knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last will and testament, to wit:

It is my will that my property shall remain undivided during the life of my wife and the life of my daughter Mary. It is my will that my sons Heill G. Thomas, C. and Oliver L. and Osborne B. Bush remain with their mother as at present. That they cultivate the land and attend the mill & care for all the interests on the place as at present and that they give their mother for her use and my daughter Mary one third of the product of all the land and mill. That they strive to manage for their mother so that she may have plenty and want for nothing.

It is my will that my daughter Mary shall receive her mother then it is my will that the one third which was allotted and given to her mother shall be given to her during her life and that my sons continue to act for their faithful and affectionate sister as for their mother.

It is my will that after the death of my wife and my daughter Mary all of my property both personal and real estate shall be equally divided between my remaining children.

William J. C. Bush

Testy 7th AD 1885

Witnesses J. S. Devane
J. B. Porter

State of North Carolina) In Superior Court.

Bladen County) In the matter of the last will of W. J. C.
Bush it appearing to the court by the oath and examination of
J. S. Devane and J. B. Porter the subscribing witnesses thereto that
the paper writing is the last will and testament of W. J. C. Bush and that
the same was duly executed by said W. J. C. Bush in the presence
of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the
same the said W. J. C. Bush was of sound mind. It is therforeon
adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate
as the last will and testament of the said W. J. C. Bush
this the 28th day of Decr. 1885.

G. G. Melvin, C. S. C.

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Will of
Bettie Brown

This indenture made the 18th day of May 1887 between Bettie Brown of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina of the first part and the following named persons of the second part all of the State and county aforesaid: Bill Brown, Emily Armstrong, Caroline Brown, Anna Brown, Penny Brown, Eliza Brown, Samuel Brown, Forney Brown and James Ever Brown witnesseth: That I the said Bettie Brown of the first part do will grant and give (in consideration of the love and affection I bear towards the above named persons) to Bill Brown two hogs to have and to hold forever, to Emily Armstrong 2 hogs to have and to hold forever, to Caroline Brown one bed quilt and bed sheet and one pillow, to Eliza Brown to have my bed and bed quilt one sheet and a pillow.

I give, bequeath and devise my estate and property, not mentioned above (Land &c) to the following persons all of the county and State aforesaid: Samuel Brown, Forney Brown and James Ever Brown & Bettie Brown of the first part in consideration of the love and affection do will grant and give a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county and State aforesaid situated on the northeast side of the Carolina Central Railway near Clarkton depot adjoining the land of M. McLeod and J. S. McMillan and others beginning at a large pine tree north of the said Carolina Central Railway, running north 35° E with M. McMillan's line 23 chains + 50 links to a stake one oak and five pine pointers thence North 67° West 20 chains to a Red Oak and diamond pointer thence south 35° W 23 chains + 50 links to the railway. Bound thence direct to the beginning containing thirty acres more or less. This last mentioned property it is my will for it to be equally divided between the three boys mentioned which is Samuel Brown, Forney Brown and James Ever Brown with the exception James Ever Brown is to inherit that portion of land on which the house is situated on him to have and to hold the said land and premises with all the privileges and appurtenances there belonging or in any wise appertaining to the said estate not otherwise to the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns forever and said party of the first part and his heirs executors administrators and assigns all and singular the premises hereby conveyed to the said parties of the second part land this be-