

Will and Testament of Catharine Lewallen

I Catharine Lewallen of the county of Ashe
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
testimony in form following That is to say
first that my executor shall provide for
my body a decent burial suitable to the
wishes of my relations and friends and
pay all funeral expenses together with
all my just debts to whomsoever owing
out of the monies that may first come
in to his hands as a part of my estate
Item and I give and devise to my beloved
brother James all my right title or interest
in my real estate it being one half of the
farm on which I now live containing ninety
eight acres he the same more or less to re-
main his after my death and after all
my just debts are paid and my executor
shall take such steps as the law requires
And lastly I do hereby constitute and ap-
point my trusty friend John Osborn
my lawful executor to all intent and
purposes to execute this my last will and
testament according to the true intent and
meaning to the same in testimony whereof
I the said Catharine Lewallen do hereunto
set my hand and seal this the 22nd day
of July 1843 Catharine Lewallen ^{her} ~~mark~~

Signed sealed and delivered
by the said Catharine Lewallen to be her
last will and testament in the presence
of us who at her request do subscribe
our names as witnesses.

John J. Brown

J. Lewis

North Carolina Ashe County In the Probate Court

The within will and testament was on the 5th day of May
1843 duly proven by the oath and examination of J. B. Lewis the
subscribing witness who declare at said probate court
that the within will was made at the request and
in the presence of said testator

J. Brown Probate Judge