

last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said John M. Cosorn 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.

J. H. Calvard  
Mauley Blewies

Sorrelly, Seaton and  
Subscribed. This the 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of Dec, 1898  
A. S. Eller, C.S.C.

North Carolina, in the Superior Court,  
Ashe County.  
It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said Paper Writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of John M. Cosorn deceased. Let the said Will together with the Probate be recorded, and filed.

This the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1898.

A. S. Eller,  
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina, Ashe County.

I George W. Rees of said county and State being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and testament.

1<sup>st</sup> My executor hereunto named shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first money coming into her hands belonging to my estate.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and devise to my beloved wife Caroline Rees the tract of land on which I have formerly resided two miles east of Jefferson or Neelad Creek, and thence is my home farm for her natural life in satisfaction of her dower and thence in all my lands to have the entire control and management of the same for her sole use and benefit during her natural life.

3<sup>rd</sup> I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Caroline all my household and kitchen furniture all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, all my notes and accounts, all provisions of every kind and all moneys that I may have or have on the person of at the time of my death to be hers absolutely and to be disposed of by her at her death as she may see proper.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my three daughters to wit: Alice P. J. Rees, Rebecca L. Rees, and Elizabeth Bryan after the death of my wife and half of my home tract of land as described in item 2<sup>nd</sup> in this will, and to my son T. E. Rees during his natural life the other half of the same to be divided as follows: Beginning on a white oak on the North side of said tract line William Washer line running a South corner to the corner of the fence at the Spring branch at the wagon road, and at the head of the plowden fence thence with the plank fence a South corner to Neelad Creek, thence down the Creek an East corner to the second plank fence thence a South corner with said fence to the end of the said plank fence thence a South corner to the

upper corner of the house that includes the upper bottom which includes the Tupper house with the fence about a South corner to the corner of the fence thence the same corner to my outside line running from the West Maple corner west, thence three daughters to have the west half including all the buildings and my son T. E. Reems to have the east half.

6<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my three daughters to wit: Alice & Rebecca Reems and Elizabeth Byrnes one half of my 300 acre tract of land on the North East side of the Negro Mountain adjoining my home tract and the lands of John Smith W. N. Luther & others. And the other half of said tract to my son T. E. Reems.

6<sup>th</sup> My will is that the interest in the lands I have given & devised to my two daughters to wit: Alice & Rebecca Reems shall be to them and their heirs absolute in fee simple, and the interest I have given and devised to my daughter Elizabeth Byrnes shall be hers during her natural life and after her death to descend to her two daughters to wit: Bula and Vesta Byrnes and their heirs in fee simple.

7<sup>th</sup> My will is that in the event and provided my son T. E. Reems should die without leaving issue that the lands I have given and devised to him after his death shall descend back to my three daughters to wit: Alice & Rebecca Reems & Elizabeth Byrnes. That the interest falling to Alice & Rebecca shall be to them & their heirs in fee simple, and the interest falling to Elizabeth Byrnes shall be to her during her natural life and after her death to her two daughters to wit: Bula and Vesta Byrnes and their heirs in fee.

8<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my son William S. Reems one thousand dollars of the funds arising from a sale of my Elk Horn lands and Mineral property when ever a sale of the same can be made and the balance if any to my wife Caroline Reems and to be disposed of by her as she may see proper provided any of the said

funds are used in the payment of debts that may hereafter come against my estate. If any part of said funds be used on the payment of debts as aforesaid then and in case the proceeds of such sale must be equally divided between my son William S. Reems and my wife Caroline.

9<sup>th</sup> My will and devise to my son T. E. Reems my one right gun to be kept by him as a relic.

10<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Caroline Reems my lawful executrix to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and my just and lawful thereof, hereby making and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said George W. Reems do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1894.

George W. Reems (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said George W. Reems to be his last will & testament in the presence of us, who at the request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

L. C. Gentry,

A. H. Gentry,

I, George W. Reems do hereby add the following as a codicil to the above will. That is to say that my son Wiley Reems late of the State of Texas has received his full share of my estate in accordance heretofore made to him and that he receive nothing more. This 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1894.

George W. Reems (Seal)

L. C. Gentry

A. H. Gentry

Codicil

1<sup>st</sup> I, G. W. Reems do hereby add this codicil to the my last will and testament. My will that the same running from the W. N. Moore

corner a South course to the spring branch and then to the wagon road, be charged as as to run from said Marsh corner a South course with the fence as it now stands to the wagon road, then a West course with the wagon road to the spring branch, then South with the flank fence to the ditch, then down the creek to the original line as first stated in this will. My will is that neither my son P.E. Reers nor my three daughters to whom I have divided my home lands shall sell any part of the said lands without the consent of the other parties or first giving them the refusal of the same and in case they should do as shall appear all their interest to said lands and that part of my said will giving to said party the said lands shall be null and void.

Witness my hand & seal this January 17<sup>th</sup> 1896

Attest  
W.H. Gentry  
R.F. Gentry

George W. Reers (Seal)

State of North Carolina } ss In the Superior Court  
Ashe County

A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of George W. Reers deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by P.E. Reers for the executrix Mrs Caroline Reers therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said George W. Reers by the oath and examination of A.H. Gentry the subscribing witness, who being duly sworn doth depose and say and swear for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of George W. Reers that the said George W. Reers did in the presence of this deponent subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing, which is said showing as aforesaid and which bears date of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of

September 1894

And the deponent further saith that the said George W. Reers the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited it to his last will & 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 his 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 George W. Reers 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

A.H. Gentry  
I. C. Gentry

Generally sworn and  
Subscribed this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1899, before me  
A.S. Eller

Clerk Superior Court  
North Carolina } ss In the Superior Court  
Ashe County }

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of George W. Reers deceased. Let the said Will together with the prototy be recorded and filed.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899

A.S. Eller  
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina } ss In the Superior Court  
Ashe County }  
A paper purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of George W. Reers deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned

Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by J. E. Reus for the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said George W. Reus by the oath and examination of W. H. Gentry & R. F. Gentry the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both before and say, and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of George W. Reus that the said George W. Reus did in the presence of this deponent subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the January 18<sup>th</sup> 1886.

And the deponent further saith that the said George W. Reus the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him - and exhibited to be a Codicil to his last Will and Testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Codicil 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 his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said George W. Reus was of sound mind & memory of full age & executed a Will - and was not under any restraint - to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

W. H. Gentry  
R. F. Gentry

Personally sworn and  
subscribed this 14<sup>th</sup> of March  
1889 before me

A. S. Ellen  
Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina }  
Ashe County }  
It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and any part thereof is a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of George W. Reus deceased. Let the said Will, together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1889

A. S. Ellen  
Clerk Superior Court

### Last Will and Testament of James Harvey

I James Harvey of Beavers Creek, in the County of Ashe, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make public and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

And as to my worldly estate and all property, real, personal, or mixed, of which I shall die seized or possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit,

It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my Executors hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John J. the sum of six hundred Dollars.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son James H. the sum of four hundred Dollars.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Jane, the sum of four hundred Dollars.
- 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Julia Paulina the sum of four hundred dollars.
- 5<sup>th</sup> I give devise and bequeath my tract