

North Carolina
Ashe County } ss. In Superior Court

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the paper-writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of John Griffith Deceased. Let the said Will together with the probate be recorded and filed This 13th day of June 1896

P. Blevins
Clerk Superior Court

Last Will of John C. Johnson

I, J. C. Johnson of Piney Creek Township in the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina, declare this to be my last Will & Testament

First- I want enough personal property sold to pay my just debts the remainder to my wife Susan Johnson until her death or Marriage- Then my entire lands to my son William E. Johnson in consideration he takes care of the said Susan Johnson his Mother. After her death or Marriage I want my personal property equally divided among my three children- My wife is at liberty to sell any personal property for her comfort during her widowhood- If my personal property cannot be divided agreeably I will that my Executor William E. Johnson sell to the highest bidder all my personal property and divide the proceeds equally among my three children- In witness whereof I the said J. C. Johnson have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal This the 29th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

J. C. Johnson
R. T. Wishon

John C. Johnson

State of North Carolina
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A paper purporting to be the last will & testament of John C. Johnson deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court by William E. Johnson the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John C. Johnson, by the oath and examination of J. H. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and 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 John C. Johnson, that the said John C. Johnson in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 29th day of January 1891

And this deponent further saith that the said John C. Johnson 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 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 John C. Johnson 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 of this deponent And further this deponent say not

Sworn and subscribed
This 13th July 1896 before me

P. Blevins
Clerk Superior Court

J. H. Johnson

In the matter of the Probate of the
Will of John C. Johnson
It further appearing to the Court that one
of the subscribing witnesses had left the
State to wit - B. F. Wishon
Whereupon M. S. May who being duly
sworn says that he is well acquainted with
the handwriting of B. F. Wishon one of the
subscribing witnesses whose name is
signed at the end of said paperwriting
aforesaid and that he has often times
seen him write, and is well acquainted
with his handwriting, and believed the
signature signed to the paperwriting as
aforesaid to be his genuine signature
to the best of his knowledge and belief
And further this deponent says not.
M. S. May

Sworn and subscribed
This 13th day of July 1896 before me
P. Blevins C.S.C.

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by the Court that the said paperwriting
and every part thereof is the last
Will and Testament of John C. Johnson
deceased. Let the said Will together with
the Probate be recorded and filed
This 13th day of July 1896

P. Blevins
Clerk Superior Court

In the name of God Amen I Gentlegar
Brooks of the County of Ashe and State of
North Carolina being of Sound Mind and
Memory and considering the uncertainty of this
frail and transitory life do therefore make
ordain publish and declare this to be my last
Will and Testament that is to say
First- after all my lawful debts are paid
and discharged the residue of my estate real
and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as
follows to my beloved wife Elizabeth Brooks
all of my land and property and every thing
that I possess during her natural life with
the exceptions of one Colt to be given to
William S. Johnson, it is my desire that
when said wife is done with said land for
C. L. Johnson to have all the land adjoining
his land that he now owns down to the fork
of the creek in the meadow making a line
near North and South, and then the remainder
of my land lying on Piney Creek it is my
desire that George S. Brooks and Mary J.
Brooks and Nancy E. Brooks doth have
it equally be twost them being the heirs
of Tho' Brooks - and it is further my desire
that the farm lying on the south of the
ridge road that I had line on doth belong
to the rest of my brothers and Sisters
Children at said wife death.

The foregoing instrument of writing was
interviewed before signed by witnesses
whereof I have set my hand and seal.
This Jan the 24th A. D. 1893

attest
George ^{his strike}
mark
Ellen ^{strike}
M S May

Gentlegar Brooks