

Last Will and Testament of James P. Vaughn.

I James P. Vaughn being of sound mind but being weak in body and thinking in all probability that I be soon called off I do make this my last Will and Testament. I give and bequeath to my sons David P. Vaughn and Samuel Francis Vaughn my home tract of land containing two hundred and twenty one acres, and also about fourteen acres adjoining the home place on the West, to have and hold in their own right to dispose at any time only on condition that their mother Henrietta Vaughn give her free and full consent and she is to have her home and support from her sons during her life time, and as to the cows and calves Henrietta Vaughn has entire control and disposition. And I will to Henrietta Vaughn all the house-hold and kitchen furniture of all kinds. And I will to David P. Vaughn and Samuel F. Vaughn the wagon and all the farming tools of all kinds to have in their own right and control. All my outstanding debts are to go in for the support of the family as they are collected. I hereby appoint my son David P. Vaughn my agent to collect all debts due me by note or otherwise.

July the 30th 1891

James P. Vaughn

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Ashe County } October the 13th 1891

A paper writing, without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and Testament of James P. Vaughn deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by David P. Vaughn the agent therein named and it is thereupon proven by the oath and examination of David P. Vaughn that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects, to wit, in a small paper box of the said James P. Vaughn after his death.

And it is further proven by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit, E. G. Bartlett, J. W. Podd, & L. H. Brown, that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said James P. Vaughn having often seen

him write, and only believe that the name of the said James P. Vaughn subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof is in the hand writing of the said James P. Vaughn. And it is further proven by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that that the said hand writing is generally known to the acquaintance of the said James P. Vaughn.

It is therefore concluded by the court that the said paper writing is the last will and Testament of the said James P. Vaughn, and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed.

C. C. Smyth, c.c.

Last Will and Testament of Wesley Thompson

I Wesley Thompson 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 do declare this my last will and Testament in a manner and form following that that is to say

First item I give and devise to my beloved wife her life time my home place whereon I now live which contains one hundred and five acres together with all the personal property and means belonging to the place as it now stands.

Second, at the decease of my beloved wife the land is to be equally divided between Ambrose and Wilson in partition by Ambrose and Wilson paying the other three heirs seventy five dollars apiece.

Third item all personal property means and house hold and kitchen furniture that is left is to be equally divided between Wilson Ambrose Elizabeth Robert & Malvina after paying all my just debt and burial expenses of my self and my beloved wife.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and Appoint my trusty friend John Black my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and