

The Last Will and Testament of James Welch

State of North Carolina
Ashe County

I James Welch of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind but, considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament.

First My Executor herein after named shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations and pay all my just debts together with all my funeral expenses out of the first money that comes into his hands belonging to my Estate.

Second:— I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Caroline all my real Estate the lands on which I now reside containing 49½ acres for her natural or as long as she remains my widow.

Fourth:— I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife all my ^{house} household and kitchen furniture two head of Cattle all my hogs all the domestic fowls & Poultry all the Crops on the plantation whereon I now live and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death and all my farming utensils and moneys on hand at the time of my death.

Fifth:— I give and devise to my daughter Amanda Ellen all my real estate the lands on which I now reside containing 49½ acres forty nine acres and one half subject to the life estate of my said wife as devised in a former item of this my last will to have and to hold to her and her children in fee simple forever.

Sixth:— I give and bequeath to my said beloved daughter all my household and kitchen furniture all my Cattle and my hogs all the domestic fowls and poultry all the Crops on the plantation whereon I now live all my farming utensils and moneys and provisions on hand at the time of my death subject to

the life estate of my said wife as devised in a former item of this my will to have and to hold to her and her children forever.

Seventh:— I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends to wit:— E. J. Baugus and Mourad Dolinger my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof In Witness Whereof I the said James Welch do hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of August 1898
James Welch

Signed sealed published and declared by the said two witnesses to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Attest— Patterson Graham
William A Graham

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of James Welch died is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by E. J. Baugus and Mourad Dolinger the Executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said James Welch by the oath and Examination of Patterson Graham and William A Graham the Subscribing Witnesses thereto who being duly sworn both depose and say and each 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 James Welch that the said James Welch 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 13th day of August 1898 and the deponent further saith that the said James Welch 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 ~~and~~ as 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 James Welch 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

Patterson & Graham
W. A. Graham

Solemnly Sworn and Subscribed
this 21st day of Nov 1898 before me
P. Blevins C.S.C.

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

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 James Welch dec'd Let the said will together with the probate be recorded and filed
This 21st day of Nov 1898

P. Blevins C.S.C.

I John M. Carson being sound & in mind, but feeble in health, do make this my will.
I give and devise to my beloved wife Lucy A. Carson, all my property of every description, to use as she may see fit, as I feel sure she will do right about it.

And I hereby appoint her the said Lucy A. Carson Executor of this my last will and testament.

Dec. 17th 1898
Witness J. H. Calver
Marley Blevins

J. M. Carson

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court,
Ashe County }
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John M. Carson deceased, is exhibited & before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Mrs. Lucy A. Carson the Executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said John M. Carson by the oath and Examination of Dr. J. H. Calver & Dr. Marley Blevins the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn depose and say and, each 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 M. Carson that the said John M. Carson did in the presence of this deponent, subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 17th day of Dec. 1898.

And this deponent further saith that the said John M. Carson 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