

And the deponent further saith that the said N. B. Ballou the Testator aforesaid declared 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 the 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 last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said N. B. Ballou was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not

J. L. Packy
J. M. Packy

Solemnly sworn and subscribed
to before me this the 14th day
of Jan 1897
P. Blenkins C.S.C.

North Carolina }
Ashe County }^{ss} In the Superior Court

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 N. B. Ballou Deceased Let the said Will together with the probate be recorded and filed This the 14 day of Jan 1897

P. Blenkins C.S.C.

I, Jiles Graham 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 Testament in manner and 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 just debts here due and to whosoever owing out the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item:- I give and devise to my beloved wife all of my household and kitchen furniture, two cows and one horse and pasture for the same. She is to remain in full possession of the old house garden and orchard lot during her natural life and one third of the rents or products of all the lands or as sufficient amount for her ample maintenance and support during her natural life.

Item I give and bequeath to my eldest son Patterson Graham sixty acres of land on old field creek where C. J. Cloyd lives the land bought by Patterson Graham of William R. Graham for his Pattersons Graham's entire interest in my real estate to trade which I did at the time and do now sanction.

Item I give and bequeath my son Ishmael Graham one tract or parcel of land containing thirty five acres more or less, Beginning at a Chestnut stump brace corner running North West 98 poles to a dogwood thence northward with my old line to a poplar on top of the knott thence North 31° East 21 poles to a buckeye in the branch thence Eastward with meanders of the branch 46 poles to the creek at mouth of branch thence South 68° East 43 poles to a birch in the branch thence up the meanders of branch 36 poles to a stake in brush line thence with said line to the beginning. Also (33) fifty three acres of land lying on Shen lep fork.

Beginning on a large Chestnut running West 48 poles to a maple thence North 61° West 30 poles to a water oak thence North 47° West 65 poles to a Chestnut on top of Hunting Ridge thence

South 26° West 12 poles to a chestnut thence
 South 4° West 24 poles to a Spanish oak thence
 South 30° West 30 poles to a white oak thence South
 4° West 24 poles to a cypress thence South 60° East
 14 poles to a chestnut thence South 45° East 36 poles to
 a sugar tree on the bank of the creek thence
 South 60° East 40 poles to a chestnut in the grant
 line thence North 40° East with the grant line 14
 poles to a white oak thence North 30° East with
 the grant line 20 poles to a hick thence North
 40° East with the grant line 36 poles to the
 beginning containing 33 acres and 36 poles more
 or less

And I give and bequeath to my daughter Marian
 wife of John M. Perkins one hundred acres of land
 lying on the three top forks Beginning on a white
 oak in the gap of the Hunting Ridge run-
 ning East 36° North 14 poles to a cypress thence
 South 38° East 24 poles to a chestnut thence North
 65° East 14 poles to a Mahogany thence North 20°
 East 6 poles to a Mahogany thence North 70° East
 38 poles to a chestnut oak thence East 20 poles
 to a hick thence South 30° East 6 poles to a
 locust in Robin line thence South 65° West
 16 poles to a chestnut thence South 20° West 20
 poles to a locust thence South with Robin line
 16 poles to a Mahogany on the branch thence South
 round with meanders of the branch Creek to the
 Callaway line thence West two poles to a maple
 thence North 61° West 30 poles to a water oak
 thence North 48° West 68 poles to a water oak
 thence Northward with the fence 38 poles to a
 chestnut oak on top of the Hunting Ridge thence
 North 18° West with the fence to the beginning to have
 and to hold to her and heirs in fee simple forever

And I give and bequeath my son George Graham
 one tract or parcel of land containing 20 acres
 more or less lying all the land of my home
 tract lying North and west of the track given
 by this will to my son Estlin to have and
 hold to him and his heirs in fee simple
 forever

And I give and bequeath to my son William Rice one
 hundred and twenty acres of land where I now
 live being all my home tract lying South of
 a line running North 70° West from a chestnut stand
 near corner 27 poles to a dogwood at the north-
 west corner of the house lot to have and to hold to
 him and his heirs in fee simple forever

And I give and bequeath to Clarence W. Graham 50 acres
 of land lying on the three top forks Beginning on
 a chestnut and running so as to include all the
 land owned by me and not otherwise disposed of
 by this will to have and to hold to him and his
 heirs in fee simple forever

And my will and desire that all the residue of my estate
 if any after taking out the debts and legacies above
 mentioned shall be sold and the debts being to me
 collected and if there should be any surplus over and
 above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such
 surplus shall be equally divided and paid over
 to my said wife and all my children and his equal
 portions share and share alike to them and each and
 every one of them their Executors Administrators and
 assigns absolutely forever. It is further my will
 and desire that if my personal effects not above mentioned
 is not sufficient to pay the debts it is my will and
 desire that the legacies of this my last will and
 Testament shall pay their proportional or equal
 part of my indebtedness or any residue thereof.
 It is my will and desire that if the said legacies or any
 one of them shall pay their part of my indebtedness
 if any shall remain unpaid by my Executors out
 of the money obtained by my personal effects then
 their land or land shall be free from my
 indebtedness and a sufficient amount of money
 collected from the sale of lands where legacies
 have failed to pay their part. It is my will that
 the land all be held together except the lands allotted
 to my son Patterson during the natural life of
 my said wife under the control of my Executors
 whom I advise and desire to consult with other
 Legates as to the best manner of transacting the
 business

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusted sons Lorenzo and William Reece my lawful executors to all intents and purposes this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Jiles Graham do here set my hand and seal. This the sixteenth day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Jiles Graham test

Signed sealed published and declared to be his last will and testament by the said Jiles Graham 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.

S. G. Blackburn
Walter Graham

State of North Carolina ss
Wake County ss In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Jiles Graham deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Wm R. Graham one of the executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Jiles Graham by the oath and examination of Walter Graham and S. G. Blackburn the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Jiles Graham and the said Jiles Graham 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 16th day of January 1897 And the deponent further saith that the said Jiles Graham 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 and testament as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Jiles Graham 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

Walter Graham
S G Blackburn

Severally sworn and subscribed, this 18th day of February 1897 before me
P. Bluins C.C.

North Carolina }
Wake County } ss. In the Superior Court

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 Jiles Graham deceased let the said will together with the probate thereto be recorded and filed this the 18th day of February 1897

P. Bluins C.C.