

Know all men by these presents that I
Jehu Blevins, of the County of Ashe and State of
North Carolina, being aware of the uncertainty of
life, and the certainty of death, and in failing
health but of sound mind and memory, do
make and declare this to be my last will and
testament in regard to the division and
distribution of all my real and personal
property, to wit,

First I give devise bequeath and set apart one black
filly one year old, and one red roan cow eight
years old, to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be
applied to the payment of all my just debts and
burial expenses, and the surplus if any to be applied
to the use and benefit of my family, to wit,
my wife Alice J. Blevins and heirs, Charlie L. Blevins,
Samuel M. Blevins, Cordelia Blevins, Pearly M. Blevins.

second, I give devise and bequeath all my other personal
property, to wit, One black mare five years old,
all cattle sheep hogs and other live stock, farming
utensils, house hold and kitchen furniture, provisions
and other property and the increase therefrom,
to my family as afore named, and specified, as
long as the said Alice J. Blevins remains my
widow, then when the said Alice J. Blevins ceases
to be my widow all my personal property as
afore named with the increase therefrom is and
shall be the property of my heirs as afore named,
to be equally divided pro rata among them except
one red cow three years old, which is to be the
individual property of my wife, Alice J. Blevins.

Third I give devise and bequeath all my lands and
real estate as described by my different deeds
to my wife, Alice J. Blevins for her benefit and
rearing my heirs as afore named, and as long as
the said Alice J. Blevins remains my widow,
then the said lands are to be equally allotted and
divided or sold and the proceeds of said sale to be
equally divided among my afore said named
heirs as a majority of them or their legal repre-
sentative may agree upon

Fourth I hereby appoint my wife Alice J. Blevins executrix

of this my last will and testament, as long as she
remains my widow. In testimony whereof I the
said Jehu Blevins hereunto set my hand and
affix my seal the second day of May A.D. 1898
signed and sealed in
the presence of
J. N. Huddler
G. W. Taylor.

Jehu^{his} Blevins (seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina } S.S. In the Superior Court.
Ashe County }

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and
Testament of Jehu Blevins deceased is exhibited before me,
the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County,
by Alice J. Blevins the executrix therein mentioned, and
the due execution thereof by the said Jehu Blevins is
proven by the oath and examination of J. N. Huddler
and G. W. Taylor the subscribing witnesses thereto: who
being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each
for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing
witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting
to be the last will and testament of Jehu Blevins,
that the said Jehu Blevins in the presence of this
deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said
paper writing, now shown as afore said, and which
bears date of the 2^d day of May A.D. 1898.

And the deponent further saith that the said Jehu
Blevins the testator afore said, did, at the time of
subscribing his name as afore said, 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 the 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 afore said and at
the time of deponents subscribing his name as an
attesting witness thereto, as afore said, the said Jehu
Blevins 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. W. Hudler (Seal)
L. W. Taylor (Seal)

Severally sworn and
Subscribed this 11th day
of Sept 1877 before me,
U.S. Clerk, C. S. C.

North Carolina Ashe County.

August 18th 1877.

I Fredell McMillan of said County and State being of sound mind and memory but weak in body and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life and the certainty of death do make public ordain and declare this to be my last will and testament revoking all wills heretofore by me made, that is to say,

- 1st I will that my body be given a decent Christian burial suitable to the wishes of family and that the expenses of the same be paid by my executrix herein after named out of any property coming into her possession as such
- 2^d I will that all my just debts be paid and discharged and that all the remainder of my property be disposed as follows to wit
- 3^d I will that my beloved wife Mary Ann McMillan have my land on which I now live during her natural life or widowhood but in case she should marry or change my name, then the land heretofore named is to be divided among all my children as herein after directed.
- 4th I will that my son A. R. McMillan have two hundred and twenty five dollars in the land bought by me of Robert Hudler and this is to be his full share of my estate, provided however that my executrix is authorized and empowered by this will to swap or change some land as heretofore agreed upon by myself and A. R. McMillan

5th To, P. McMillan my son I have had one horse for which I charge him the sum of twenty five dollars which he is to account for in the distribution of my estate with my other heirs, my other heirs to wit, Minnie McMillan, Mollie McMillan, Ireland McMillan, Addie Cleveland McMillan Archie Hollins McMillan and Maud May McMillan have not been advanced and are entitled to their full share of my estate

6th I will to my wife Mary Ann McMillan all my personal property of whatever nature or kind, and authorize and empower her to sell and dispose of same either at public or private sale as she may deem best or so much of the same as will pay all my just debts and cost &c and the remainder if any is to be kept on the farm for the use and benefit of the family. Lastly I appoint my wife Mary Ann McMillan my executrix to execute and carry out this my last will and testament according to the intent and meaning of the same. In witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal done this the 18th day of August A.D. 1877.

Attest

R. J. Gander

A. R. Vannoy

Wm. H. Taylor

Fredell McMillan

State of North Carolina } S. S. In the Superior Court.
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A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Fredell McMillan deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Wm. H. Taylor one of the subscribing thereto and the due execution thereof by the said Fredell McMillan is proven by the oath and examination of Wm. H. Taylor and A. R. Vannoy. The subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, doth 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 Fredell McMillan, that the said Fredell McMillan in the presence of the deponent