

I John Church of the County of Ash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory and ~~being of legal age~~ <sup>and being of legal age</sup> of this most life do manifestly and declare that I have my last will and testament in and from possessing that is to say I will that my body be interred and buried suitable to the wishes of my family and friends and that my Executors hereinafter named pay all my just debts out of the first money coming into his hands first I will and bequeath unto my widow Alley D. Church all my lands and personal property which belong to me at this time but I am willing as the last of these is any property which she does not need I will that my Executors sell the same and pay the amount over to the said widow

2<sup>nd</sup> I will that my children settle among themselves as to what they have received and settle the same among themselves

3<sup>rd</sup> I will that Nancy L. Wiley my granddaughter receive a child's part of what is left at the said widow's death.

I hereby appoint my sons Martin Church and M. J. Church as Executors of this my last will and testament I create the same to all intents and purposes therein named and I hereby declare all other wills heretofore by me made to be void and of no effect.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of the following witnesses this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1871

Attest  
John M. Church  
J. F. Church

John M. Church (Real)

North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
Ash County } Before the Judge

In the matter of the last will and testament of John Church Decd.

John M. Church one of the subscribing witnesses hereunto being duly sworn depose and say that

he saw J. F. Church sign his name as a subscribing witness to the last will and testament of John Church deceased and that he swears to his genuine signature to the same and that said witness is dead

John M. Church, Affiant,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1901  
A. H. Cline, C. C.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
Ash County } Before the Judge

In the matter of the last will and testament of John Church Decd.

M. J. Church being duly sworn depose and say that he saw John Church make his last will and testament and subscribe to the genuineness thereof

M. J. Church, Affiant,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1901  
A. H. Cline, C. C.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
Ash County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John Church deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court of said County by John Wiley, husband of Legatee therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John Church by the oath and examination of John M. Church one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn doth depose and say and read for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper exhibiting now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of John Church that the said John Church in the presence of this deponent requested said deponent to subscribe his will as witness which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1871

And the deponent further swears that the said John Church the testator therein named is dead

Since this Dependent subscribing his name as an  
 attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said  
 John Church was not of sound mind and memory  
 and account of sickness was I feel agt to execute  
 a will, and was not under any restraint, to the  
 knowledge, information or belief of this Dependent;  
 And further this Dependent says not.

John M. Church

As duly proved and subscribed

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1901 before me

A. H. Ellis,  
 Clerk of Superior Court

North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
 Ashe County }

This Sheriff Constance and  
 a deputy by the name of that the said paper written  
 and signed by the said John Church is a true and correct  
 copy of the said will and testament of the said John Church  
 as the same is written and signed by the said John Church  
 and the said paper is to be recorded and filed

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1901.

A. H. Ellis,  
 Clerk of Superior Court

State of N.C. Ashe County February the 26<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 I Rebecca Reedy of the said State aforesaid being  
 of sound mind and memory do constitute this my  
 last will and testament I desire to be buried  
 in a decent manner at the expense of my  
 family

Item 1 I Rebecca Reedy give and bequeath  
 fifty dollars \$50 that I have paid toward  
 the said James Gash Land to him and his wife  
 my daughter Elizabeth Gash.

Item 2 I also give and bequeath one  
 pearl mare and all her accoutrements to the  
 said James Gash and my daughter Elizabeth  
 Gash jointly

Item 3 I also give and bequeath one bushel  
 of and of all wheat to the said James Gash  
 and his wife Elizabeth

Item 4 I also give and bequeath unto my  
 three daughters Catherine Richardson, Eliza Gash  
 and Rhoda Roark two winter beds and two  
 Chaff Sacks six coverlets 2 blankets and two  
 quilts one set of pillows and also four milk pails  
 and honey jar two cups one cover one towel  
 and one brass kettle one gallon milk pail  
 one set of plates one side saddle one plaid

Item 5 I give and bequeath to my three sons  
 Alvin James R. and George W. Reedy one dollar  
 apiece out of my estate the said to bequeath  
 to the girls to be equally divided between them

Item 6 I also appoint my friend G. H. Walker  
 my lawful executor signed the day and date  
 above written in the presence of

attest  
 M. M. Faircloth  
 J. F. Lovell

Rebecca Reedy

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

A paper purporting to be the last will  
 and testament of Rebecca Reedy drawn and exhibited  
 before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior  
 Court for said County by James F. Gash one of  
 the said heirs of the said deceased