

In the name of God Amen
 I John Graybeal of the County of Ashe
 and State of North Carolina being of sound mind
 and memory and considering the uncertainty of
 this frail and transitory life do therefore ordain
 make publish and declare this to be my last
 will and testament. That is to say
 First after all my lawful debts are paid
 and discharged the residue of my estate both
 and personal I give bequeath and dispose of
 as follows to wit 1st to my beloved wife
 the land and appurtenances situated therein
 known as the land I now live on situated
 and lying on the waters of the Old field Creek
 together with one house by head of cattle
 his head of sheep big head of hogs giving
 my beloved wife the right to choose said stock
 also I give and bequeath to my wife one
 wagon with gear necessary for a team and
 provisions and fare sufficient for her self family
 and stock for one year also my farming tools
 with household and kitchen furniture also
 I give to my dear wife one half of the money
 I get or may get for keeping my mother. And
 one third of all the rest of my money and notes
 that I may have at my decease also I want my
 wife to have all the property both real and personal
 that she owned at our marriage and all that she
 may make or acquire during our mutual life
 all the property pertaining in this my last
 will. I want my beloved wife Martha J. C. Graybeal
 to have and dispose of as the less property except
 the land that at her death shall be sold or given
 with the remainder of my estate between all my
 children who may be living at my decease or their
 heirs those and share alike after balancing and
 making all my children equal according to an
 account which I have left charging said children
 with what they have already got or may get during
 my life said will be formal filed with my
 other valuable papers likewise I make constitute
 and appoint my son Peter and my brother-in-law

George H. Gandy to be executors of this my last will
 and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made
 in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
 and affixed my seal the fourth day of August anno domini
 eight hundred and seventy six
 attch
 J. W. Todd
 W. H. Gandy

North Carolina } in Superior Court July 13 1884
 Ashe County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will
 and testament of John Graybeal recovered in evidence before
 me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for the County
 by John Graybeal the execute therein mentioned and the said
 execution thereof by the said John Graybeal by the attch and
 examination of J. W. Todd and William H. Gandy the subscribing
 witnesses thereto who being duly sworn did say and say
 and each for himself depoeth and saith that he is a subscriber
 witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the
 last will and testament of John Graybeal that the said
 John Graybeal in the presence of this deponent subscribed
 his name at the end of said paper writing acknowledging
 the same which is now shown as aforesaid and which
 bears date of the 1st day of August 1884 And these deponents
 further saith that the said John Graybeal the testator aforesaid
 did at the time of acknowledging the same as aforesaid
 declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and
 intended 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 aforesaid a
 acknowledging the same and at the time of the deponent
 subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid
 the said John Graybeal was of sound mind and
 memory of full age to execute said will and was not
 under any restraint to the knowledge information
 or belief of this deponent and further these deponents
 came to before me
 J. W. Todd (Signed)
 W. H. Gandy (Signed)

July 13rd 1884 J. M. Baker C. S. C.