

29th day of September 1874. he believed the same and every part thereof to be in the genuine hand writing of the said N. A. Foster, and that the signature thereto is the hand writing and genuine signature of the said N. A. Foster and further this deponent sayeth not
J. M. Carson

Sworn and Subscribed to
the 28th April 1896 before me
P. Blevins C.S.C.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Ashe County } April 28th 1896

This day personally appeared before me P. Blevins Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, Dr. J. W. Colward a resident of Jefferson N.C. and after being duly sworn according to law deposed and says that he was well acquainted with Capt N. A. Foster late of Jefferson N.C. that he knows the hand writing of the said N. A. Foster having often seen him write, and that a paperwriting now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said N. A. Foster bearing date of September the 29th 1874. he believes the same and every part thereof to be in the genuine hand writing of the said N. A. Foster, that the signature to the said paperwriting is the hand writing and the genuine signature of the said N. A. Foster and further this deponent sayeth not
J. W. Colward

Sworn & Subscribed to
the 28th April 1896 before me
P. Blevins C.S.C.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
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Upon the foregoing testimony and affidavits of W. H. Glubrey J. M. Carson and Dr. J. W. Colward
It is adjudged that the herewith attached paperwriting presented for Probate by J. E. Foster the Executor therein named is the last will and Testament of N. A. Foster Deceased
Therefore let the said Will together with the attached affidavits be Recorded
P. Blevins C.S.C.

State of North Carolina
Ashe County

I John Griffith of said County & State make this as my last will and Testament
First- I want all my just debts paid,
Secondly- I will all my real estate to my beloved wife Zely for life and after her death to my living children, to wit, David Griffith, Shigah Griffith, Wiley Griffith and Cora Griffith
Thirdly- I will to my beloved wife for life the following personal property two horses all the Cows I now have or may have at my death and also all the hogs Sheep house hold and kitchen Furniture and Farming tools of which I may be possessed at my death, and at my wife's death I want all of said personal property divided equally between my four children above named

Fourthly- I will all my notes accounts and claims in action, Money on hand all the Mules and Horses I may own at my death (Except the two already bequeathed) to my three sons David, Shigah and Wiley,

I desire them to furnish my said Daughter a good horse upon her arrival at 2 years of age or at her Marriage

I will all my all the Cattle I may own at my death not otherwise bequeathed in this will to my said three Sons and Daughter

I want the Children of my deceased Daughter Mary to have to have fifty Dollars out of the proceeds of my Mineral when sold and the Children of my deceased Daughter Menzgoth to have a like Sum from the same Source. I empower and direct my Executors to make sale of my Mineral interest in all my lands when they think best for my estate

After paying the \$100.⁰⁰ as herein directed I want the residue of the proceeds arising from said Mineral Sale to be divided among my four Children now living

and if any of them should die before I do leaving Children then I want the interest of the deceased one to be paid to his or her Children I appoint my three Sons David Abigah and Wiley Executors of this my last will. This Oct second one thousand Eight hundred and twenty

John ^{his} Griffith
Mark

Witnesses
Jno. H. Carson
Marion Davis
John C. Shepherd

State of North Carolina } ss- In Superior Court
Ashe County }

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Griffith deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by David N. Griffith one of the Executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John Griffith, by the oath and examination of John H. Carson & John C. Shepherd 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 John Griffith, that the said John Griffith in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bear date of the second day of October 1895

And the deponent further saith that the said John Griffith the Testator aforesaid, at the time of subscribing his Name as 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 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 as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness ~~thereto~~ as aforesaid the said John Griffith 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

Subscribed and Subscribed this
The 13th day of June 1896 before me
P. Blevins C.S.C.

John H. Carson
John C. Shepherd

North Carolina
Ashe County } ss. In Superior Court

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the paper-writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of John Griffith Deceased. Let the said Will together with the probate be recorded and filed This 13th day of June 1896

P. Blevins
Clerk Superior Court

Last Will of John C. Johnson

I, J. C. Johnson of Piney Creek Township in the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina, declare this to be my last Will & Testament

First- I want enough personal property sold to pay my just debts the remainder to my wife Susan Johnson until her death or Marriage- Then my entire lands to my son William E. Johnson in consideration he takes care of the said Susan Johnson his Mother. After her death or Marriage I want my personal property equally divided among my three children- My wife is at liberty to sell any personal property for her comfort during her widowhood- If my personal property cannot be divided agreeably I will that my Executor William E. Johnson sell to the highest bidder all my personal property and divide the proceeds equally among my three children- In witness whereof I the said J. C. Johnson have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal This the 29th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

J. C. Johnson
R. T. Wishon

John C. Johnson

State of North Carolina
Ashe County } ss. In Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the last will & testament of John C. Johnson deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court by William E. Johnson the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John C. Johnson, by the oath and examination of J. H. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and 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 C. Johnson, that the said John C. Johnson 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 29th day of January 1891

And this deponent further saith that the said John C. Johnson 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 as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said John C. Johnson 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 of this deponent And further this deponent say not

Sworn and subscribed
This 13th July 1896 before me

P. Blevins
Clerk Superior Court

J. H. Johnson