

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 ~~and~~ as 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 subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said James Welch 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

Patterson & Graham
W. A. Graham

Solemnly Sworn and Subscribed
this 21st day of Nov 1898 before me
P. Blevins C.S.C.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court -
Ashe County } ss

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 James Welch dec'd Let the said will together with the probate be recorded and filed
This 21st day of Nov 1898

P. Blevins C.S.C.

I John M. Conson being sound & in mind, but feeble in health, do make this my will.
I give and devise to my beloved wife Lucy A. Conson, all my property of every description, to use as she may see fit, as I feel sure she will do right about it.

And I hereby appoint her the said Lucy A. Conson Executor of this my last will and testament.

Dec. 17th 1898
Witness J. H. Calver
Marley Blevins

J. M. Conson

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court,
Ashe County }
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John M. Conson deceased, is exhibited & before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Mrs. Lucy A. Conson the Executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said John M. Conson by the oath and Examination of Dr. J. H. Calver & Dr. Marley Blevins the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn 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 M. Conson that the said John M. Conson did in the presence of this deponent, subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 17th day of Dec. 1898.

And this deponent further saith that the said John M. Conson the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid & before 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 subscribing his name as an
attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the
said John M. Cosorn 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. H. Calver
Mauley Blewies

Sorrelly, Seaton and
Subscribed. This the 24th
day of Dec, 1898
A. S. Eller, C.S.C.

North Carolina, in the Superior Court,
Ashe County.
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
John M. Cosorn deceased. Let the said Will
together with the Probate be recorded, and
filed.

This the 29th day of Dec, 1898.

A. S. Eller,
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina, Ashe County.

I George W. Rees of said county and State being
of sound mind & memory, but considering the
imminency of my earthly existence, do make and declare
this my last Will and Testament.

1st My executor hereunto named shall give my body a decent
burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives
and pay all funeral expenses together with all my
just debts out of the first money coming into her
hands belonging to my estate.

2nd I give and devise to my beloved wife Caroline
Rees the tract of land on which I have formerly
resided two miles east of Jefferson or Neel's
Creek, and thence is my home farm for her
natural life in satisfaction of her dower and
thence in all my lands to have the entire con-
trol and management of the same for her sole use
and benefit during her natural life.

3rd I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Caroline
all my household and kitchen furniture all my
stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, all my notes
and accounts, all provisions of every kind and
all money that I may have or have on the
person of at the time of my death to be
hers absolutely and to be disposed of by
her at her death as she may see proper.

4th I give and devise to my three daughters to
wit: Alice P. J. Rees, Rebecca S. Rees, and
Elizabeth Bryan after the death of my wife and
half of my home tract of land as described
in item 2nd in this will, and to my son
T. E. Rees during his natural life the other
half of the same to be divided as follows:
Beginning on a white oak on the North side of
said tract in William Washer's line running
a South corner to the corner of the fence at the
Spring branch at the wagon road, and at
the head of the plow hole fence thence
with the plank fence a South corner to Neel's
Creek, thence down the Creek an East corner
to the second plank fence thence a South
corner with said fence to the end of the said
plank fence thence a South corner to the