

But I remembered that I John Reeves of
the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina
being somewhat weak in body but of sound
and disposing mind and considering the uncertain-
ty of this mortal abode and constitute
this my last will and testament in the
following manner to wit

In the first place I commend my soul to
God who gave it and my body to be
decently buried the expenses whereof and
all my just debts to be paid as soon as
convenient

(2) As to what earthly goods it hath pleased
God to bless me with I leave them as follows
to me and my beloved wife Nancy has a
marriage contract which is to raise stock in
common I bequeath and give unto her and
her heirs the one half the proceeds as set
forth in the marriage contract

(3) I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Charlotte McMillan and her heirs three tracts
of land the one known as the Christopher
Wendaway tract supposed to contain two hundred
acres and the other to contain thirty acres
adjoining the first tract known as the Horns River
land

4 I give and bequeath to James Johnston Jun
one hundred and fifty dollars and also
I will and bequeath unto Rufus Johnston
one hundred dollars

The residue of the property that I may have
on hand I want equally divided between
my two sons William B. and S. M. Reeves
and my daughter Charlotte McMillan and
as to what money and notes I may have on
hand at my death I want equally divided
between my beloved wife and my three above named
children. I appoint my two sons William B. Reeves
and S. M. Reeves my executors to settle my estate
and confirming this to be my last will and
testament given under my hand this the 10th day
July 1881
Nathan Reeves
Wm B. McMillan

John Reeves

North Carolina }
Ashe County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of John Reeves are in this day
exhibited before me for probate and the due execution
thereof by the said John Reeves by the oath and
examination of Nathan Weaver and William H. McMillan
the undersigned judges of the County of Ashe who both state and swear that they are attending
witnesses to the paper writing now shown them

that John Reeves the testator aforesaid subscribed his
name at the end of said paper writing which
is now shown as aforesaid which bears date of
the 10th day of July 1881 And these deponents
further say that the testator aforesaid did at the
time of subscribing his name as aforesaid did declare
the said paper writing to be subscribed by him to be his
last will and testament And this deponents did
thereupon subscribe their names 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 deponents
further say that at the time of the testator subscrib-
ing his name at the end of said paper writing and at the
time of deponent subscribing his name as an attesting
witness the said John Reeves was of sound mind
and memory and was of full age to execute a will
and was not under any restraint to the knowledge
information or belief of this deponent

Given to and subscribed

before me this April 1st 1885

John Dickson Esq

Nathan Weaver

William H. McMillan