

North Carolina in Ashe County  
Ashe County has in Superior Court  
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 Charles W. Cooke deceased  
Let the said Will together with the  
probate be recorded and filed,  
This 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1895

P. Blevins  
Clerk Superior Court

c. c. b.  
15°

I. N. A. Foster of the Town of Jefferson  
Ashe Co. North Carolina  
Being of sound mind and in perfect  
health knowing the uncertainty of my  
earthly existence and certainty of death  
do write and publish this my last  
Will and Testament in manner and form  
as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> I hereby give and bequeath to my  
Sister Francis E. Brewer the present  
wife of Miles Brewer one Vatle I  
Hold against her given for Borrowed  
Money given in the year 1857 or 1858

2<sup>nd</sup> I Give and bequeath to my Beloved  
Brother Joel Edmund Foster my entire  
Estate after paying to my Brothers Jesse  
F. Foster & John Foster the sum of  
fifty five Dollars and interest since  
1894 being Money they furnished me  
while I was a Prisoner of War also any  
& all just claims debts may come  
against my Estate after my death

3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby appoint and constitute my Brother Joel  
Edmund Foster to this my last will & Testament  
declaring this to be my last free & valid Will &  
Testament in Testimony whereof I have  
set my hand and seal this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1894. Nathaniel A. Foster

Ashe County Ashe County Clerk of the Superior Court  
I, H. Gentry, a resident & citizen of the Town  
of Jefferson N.C. and after being duly  
sworn as the law directs deposes and says  
that he was personally acquainted with Capt.  
N. A. Foster of Jefferson N.C. that he knew  
him for more than twenty years that he  
knew his hand writing having often seen  
him write and sign his name that the  
paper writing now shown him purporting  
to be the last will and testament of the said  
N. A. Foster bearing date of September the  
29<sup>th</sup> 1894. He believes the same and every part  
thereof to be in the genuine hand writing of  
the said N. A. Foster and that the signature  
thereon is the hand writing & genuine signature  
of the said N. A. Foster and further this  
deponent sayeth not.

Sworn & subscribed to  
the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1896 before me  
P. Blevins C.S.C.

W. H. Gentry

North Carolina in Superior Court  
Ashe County April 28<sup>th</sup> 1896

This day personally appeared before me P.  
Blevins Clerk of the Superior Court of said  
County J. M. Carson a citizen of the  
Town of Jefferson N.C. and after being  
duly sworn as the law directs deposes &  
says that he was acquainted with  
Capt N. A. Foster late of Jefferson N.C.  
and known his hand writing having often seen  
him write. That he knew him for more  
than twenty years. That the paper writing  
now shown him purporting to be the  
last will and testament of the said  
N. A. Foster bearing date of the

29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1874, he believes  
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. Pearson

Sworn and Subscribed to  
the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1894 before me  
P. Blevins C.S.C.

North Carolina, In the Superior Court  
Ashe County { April 28<sup>th</sup> 1894

This day personally appeared before me P.  
Blevins Clerk of the Superior Court of  
said County, Dr J. W. Colvard 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Colvard

Sworn & Subscribed to  
the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1894 before me  
P. Blevins C.S.C.

North Carolina, In the Superior Court  
Ashe County April 28<sup>th</sup> 1894

Upon the foregoing testimony and  
affidavits of W. H. Glutney, J. M. Pearson  
and Dr J. W. Colvard

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  
Alyjah Griffith, Wiley Griffith and Clara  
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 hens  
hens 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  
alone 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 Alyjah and Wiley