

Wm³ Roark Will Registered March 31. 74

I William Roark of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent Burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and all funeral expenses together with my just debts. I now give and will to my beloved wife all my real estate and personal property to be hers as long as she lives and then to be equally divided among my heirs to have and to hold to her the said Fester Roark for and during the term of her natural life. But she must give one cow to all my heirs except Jane Roark and I have let her have one cow. Also she must collect all debts coming to me and pay off all debts I owe. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend John Ham my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby making and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof I the said William Roark do hereunto set my hand and seal This March 8 1876. Signed sealed published and delivered by the said Wm Roark to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Wm Roark (seal)
Mark

Attest
Richard Perry
Jesse Roark
E Ham

Will of Polly Brooks — July 27th 1874.
 State of North Carolina }
 Ashe County } 3

In the name of God Amen
 I Polly Brooks being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do make this my last will and testament I have to say first that after all of my lawful debts are paid off and discharged the residue of my estate being personal I bequeath as follows to my son George W. Brooks my two-horse Wagon and my big Wash Kite and my bed stid and also my spinning disk and also my bag mare and it my will that my son George pay to my daughter Malinda ten dollars a year for three years and then cease to pay farther and it is my will that my daughter Malinda have all of my bedding except one new quilt and one counterpane which I give to my daughter Nancy Ellen. I desire that my side-saddle be sold and the proceeds divided between the four girls Nancy Ellen Malinda Brooks Cynthia Tridaway and Sally Broadaway

And it is also my will and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son George W. Brooks to be executor of this my last will and testament

This October 29th 1873

Polly Brooks
 made

H. S. McLowen }
 James W. Brooks }

Whereas I Polly Brooks of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina have made my last will and testament bearing date October 29th 1873. Now therefore I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said last will and testament and to be taken as a part thereof order and declare that my will is that one note that I hold against Johnathan Sage bearing date December the 4th 1873 to the amount of ninety dollars be equally divided against George W. Brooks and Malinda Brooks my son & daughter. And lastly it is my will that this codicil be a part of my last will and testament to all intents & purposes. The above written instrument

was subscribed in our presence April 4, 1874
 At J. McLower ^{his} Mary Brooks
 Liah ^{her} McLower ^{mark}

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
 The County }
 The execution of the foregoing will of Mary Brooks
 was on this the 18th day of July 1874 duly proven
 by oath and examination of J. McLower one of
 the subscribing witnesses thereto who deposes and
 swears that at the request and in the presence of
 said testator he assigned his name as an attesting
 witness thereto

Judge of Probate