

William Brown Last will and Testament,
In the name of God Amen. I William Brown of the
County of Ashe and State of N.C. Being of sound mind
and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and
transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish & declare
this to be my last will and Testament, that is to say, first
after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue
of my estate real and personal, I give bequeath and dispose of
as follows To wit, To my beloved wife the land opportunities
situated thereon known and described as the Osborn farm, lying
in the County and State aforesaid now possessed by me or long as
she remains my widow and after her death to be equally divided
among my heirs, In witness I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed my seal, this the 27th day of June 1873.
The above written instrument was subscribed William Brown
by the said William Brown in our presence, and acknowledged
by him to each of us, and he at the same time published & declared
the above instrument to be his last will and Testament
and we at the instant request, and in his presence have signed
our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names
our respective places of abode or residence

Wm. Osborn Esq. Ashe County N.C.
L. J. Sturgill Ashe Co N.C.

Jonathan Osborn the Co. N.C.
And I William Brown do hereby appoint Jonathan John
Osborn my executor to this my last will and Testament.
State of North Carolina S.D. In the Probate Court,

Ashe County, A paper purporting to be the last
Will and Testament of William Brown deceased, is exhibited
before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County.
The executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof
by the said William Brown by the oath and examination of
L. J. Sturgill & Jonathan Osborn the subscribing witnesses
thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say, & 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 William Brown, that the said William Brown in
the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of
said paper writing, which is now shown or aforesaid, and which
bears the date of 27th day of June 1873. And the deponent further
saith, that the said William Brown the Testator aforesaid did at
the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper
writing to be his last will and Testament 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 the 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 William
Brown 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 the will.

Jonathan Osborn (seal)

L. J. Sturgill (seal)

Solemnly sworn and subscribed this 28th day of December 1885,
before me,

J. M. Dickson
Probate Judge.
R. J. Stoddler Secy.