

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God. "Amen"

I, Daniel Melvin Sen^r of the County of Bladen and state of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, Blessed be God, do this the fifteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty four, make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following. Viz-

1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Robert Melvin, four hundred and fifty two acres of land on the South Side of Little Turnbull, known by the name of the Kelson land, which I have given him heretofore by deed, dated 15th of July 1818. also my negro man Jacob,

2^d I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Daniel Melvin, my negro man Bob, two Cows and Calves, two Sows and pigs, two two year old Hogs, two Cows and lambs, and one Horse, also four hundred and fifty two acres of land, on the North Side of Little Turnbull, joining the lands of the aforesaid Robert Melvin, and the run of Little Turnbull to be the dividing line between them which I have heretofore given him by deed dated the 15th day of July 1818.

3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Arthur Melvin, my negro man, one cow, two Cows, and Calves, two Sows and pigs, two two year old Hogs, and two Cows and lambs, which I have heretofore loaned him, also five hundred and ninety five acres of land, on the east side of Cypress Creek, known as the Searns land, which I have heretofore given him by deed,

4th I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my beloved Son John Melvin, my negro man, three cows, two Cows and Calves, two Sows and pigs, two two year old Hogs, and two Cows and lambs, which I had heretofore loaned to my said Son John Melvin in his lifetime, also I give unto the said heirs of my said Son John Melvin, five hundred and

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James Cashwell land, which I have heretofore given to my said Son John Melvin by deed.

5th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son George M. Melvin, my negro man David, and one Horse, two Cows and Calves, two Sows and pigs, two two year old Hogs, and two Cows and lambs, which I have heretofore loaned him also five hundred and ninety seven acres of land, on the South Side of South River, on the Stage Road known as the West Hall land, which I have heretofore given him by deed.

6th I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter, Anne Huntington my negro woman Jude, one feather bed and furniture, two Cows and Calves, two Sows and pigs, two two year old Hogs, and two Cows and lambs, which I have heretofore loaned to my said daughter during her life time,

7th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Catherine Smith, four hundred and fifty nine acres of land where she now lives known by the name of the Searns land, in place of a negro girl which I once loaned her by the name of "Candida"

I further give unto my said daughter Catherine and one bed and furniture, two Cows and Calves, two Sows and pigs, two two year old Hogs, and two Cows and lambs, which I have heretofore given her.

8th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Sarah Monroe, and the heirs of her body, my negro woman Clary, with all the increase which she now has or may hereafter have one bed and furniture, two Cows and Calves, two Sows and pigs, two two year old Hogs, and two Cows and lambs which I have heretofore given her.

9th I give and bequeath to my Son George M. Melvin in trust only to be applied to the use and benefit of my beloved daughter Jane Monroe, and the heirs of her body, one tenth part of the proceeds of the sales which I shall here direct to be made of my perishable property including negroes.

I further give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Monroe, my negro man

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one Bed and Furniture two Cows and Calves. two Sows and pigs two two Year old Hogs and two Cows and lambs, which I have heretofore loaned to his mother my beloved daughter Elizabeth Young.

10th. I give and bequeath unto my grandson Robert Young, my Negro Heman Comfort and all her increase and Peggy Ann and Sandy with their increase, also one Bed and Furniture two Cows and Calves. two Sows and pigs two two Year old Hogs two Cows and lambs, which I have heretofore loaned to his mother my beloved daughter Elizabeth Young.

11th. It is my will and desire that at my death my Executors hereafter to be named, sue to the highest bidder on a credit of six months all the lands, which I may be possessed of at my death, and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided among my four sons, Robert Melvin, David Melvin, Arthur Melvin, George W. Melvin, and the heirs of my beloved son John Melvin.

12th. It is my will and desire that at my death my Executors hereafter to be named, sue on a credit of six months all my negroes and effects of every kind and other property that I may be in possession of at my death, and have not otherwise disposed of, and the proceeds arising therefrom, together with all the monies notes and accounts, and debts of every description that may be due me, after paying my funeral expenses, and other just debts, that I may be owing, be equally divided among my beloved children as follows, viz -

To Robert Melvin, David Melvin the heirs of Anna Harrington Arthur Melvin the heirs of my son John Melvin, Catherine Smith Sarah Monroe, my grandson Robert Young, George W. Melvin in trust only to be applied to the sole use and benefit of my daughter Jane Monroe and the heirs of her body, as above stated and to my son George W. Melvin, each one such part, and I desire that my

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said grandson Robert Young die without issue the all the property which I have given him, return to my children above named and their heirs.

Lastly

I hereby appoint my worthy sons Robert Melvin, David Melvin, Arthur and George W. Melvin Executors of my last will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I the said David Melvin have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said David Melvin, as the Testator as his last will and Testament in presence of the subscribing witnesses who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Witness

R. McLeod
Emma Smith

D. Melvin, Seal

Clerk Carolina 3 Court of Peace and Quarter
Bladen County, 3 Sessions November Term 1846

Now in Open Court David Melvin, Arthur Melvin and George W. Melvin offer for Probate the paper writing herewith as the last will and Testament of David Melvin, decd. and therefore the same is duly proved by the testimony of R. McLeod, and Emma Smith, the subscribing witnesses thereto in proper form, and is duly declared in every part thereof to be the last will and testament of the said David Melvin, sufficient in law to pass his Real and Personal Property, and it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Whereupon the aforesaid David Melvin, Arthur Melvin and George W. Melvin being nominated as Executors, are duly qualified and admitted to act accordingly.

W. H. Robinson Clerk