

at the said time when the said testator subscribed her 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 Catharine L. Beard 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 not.

Generally sworn and
subscribed this 16th day of
March 1895 before me

W. M. Melvin (Seal)
R. A. Melvin (Seal)

Grand Juror Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina, Bladen County. In the Probate Court
I, William S. Melvin do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Catharine L. Beard, deceased, and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying her debts and then her legacies as far as the said estate shall extend or the law will charge me, and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of executor agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in me and according to law. So help me God.

William S. Melvin.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 16th day of March 1895

Grand Juror Judge of Probate

Jonathan Melvin's
Will

In the name of God Amen.
I, Jonathan Melvin of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say

I give and bequeath unto my two sisters Demaria Melvin and Rosana Melvin to be equally divided between them share and share alike all the

property which I may die possessed of, real, personal and herishable and all moneys due me by note account or otherwise.

I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend William S. Melvin 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, hereby revoking all former wills testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I, the said Jonathan Melvin do hereby set my hand and seal this 26th day of February A.D. 1895

Jonathan Melvin (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Jonathan Melvin to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

R. A. Melvin
W. M. Melvin

N. J. Burk

State of North Carolina, Bladen County. In the Probate Court.
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Jonathan Melvin, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county by William S. Melvin, the executor therein named. And the due execution thereof by the said Jonathan Melvin by the oath and examination of R. A. Melvin and W. M. Melvin the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say, for himself separately and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Jonathan Melvin, that the said Jonathan Melvin in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 26th day of February 1895. And the deponent further saith that the said Jonathan Melvin 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 and this deponent did there upon subscribe his name, at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator signed his name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Jonathan Melvin was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any constraint to knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further this deponent saith not.

Severally sworn and subscribed this 21st day of May 1875 before me
Erlander Singletary
 Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina
 Bladen County - In Probate Court.

I, William S. Melvin do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Jonathan Melvin, decd., and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies as far as the said estate shall extend or the law will charge me, and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in me and according to law. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21st day of May 1875
Erlander Singletary
 Judge of Probate

R. A. Melvin (Seal)
 D. R. Melvin (Seal)

Will of } State of North Carolina. Bladen county.
Sarah J. Carter

In the name of God Amen.
 I, Sarah, Hance Carter of the county and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory do hereby make this my last will and testament at the same time making, revoking and declaring void all other will or wills by me heretofore made.

First: After my just debts have been paid it is my will and desire that my son Hance J. Carter shall have a right to and enjoy all the privileges arising from the tract of land whereon I now reside during his natural life, this I wish him to have for his attention to me in my old age. After the death of my son H. J. Carter as aforesaid it is my will that the tract of land on which I now reside (containing one hundred and five acres more or less) as aforesaid shall go to my grandson Jeremiah Melmon Peterson a right to that effect to hereby fully conveyed. I also give and bequeath to my said grandson Jeremiah Melmon Peterson the remainders of my real estate. If my grandson Jeremiah M. Peterson as aforesaid should die without issue then it is my will that the whole of said estate shall descend to my granddaughter Mary Nell Peterson. And if my said granddaughter should die leaving no issue then it is my will that the whole of my said estate shall descend to my next of kin and heirs at law.

I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Mary M. Peterson wife of William Peterson all of my personal and perishable property of whatever name it may be known or of whatever description.

I hereby appoint my son Hance J. Carter as executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this 20th day of June A.D. 1868.

Witnessed and sealed in the presence of
A. K. Cromartie
James Johnson

Sarah J. Carter
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