

State of North Carolina Brunswick County,

I F. J. Bennett of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament.

First: I give to P. M. Blanton and wife Minnie O. Blanton the tract of land on which I now live.

Beginning at a pine run East 54 chains and 78 links to a small pine thence North 27 chains and 39 links to another small pine thence East 54 chains and 78 links to a pine thence South to the beginning containing one hundred and twenty five acres more or less. I F. J. Bennett hereby except ten acres of the above described premises formerly sold to T. L. Long.

Second: I give to Sarah L. Long a certain tract of land on the south side of Little Cow Cow swamp and on the east side of Big Cow Cow swamp known and described as follows. Beginning at a lightwood stake on pine log branch known as the lot Benton corner runs West 150 poles to Alfred Bennett corner, thence North 98 poles with said Alfred Bennett line to J. M. Todd's corner thence with said Todd's line East 200 poles to J. M. Todd's corner thence about North to W. H. Stoner's line thence with Stoner's line to the Benjamin Bennett corner, thence with said Bennett line to or near the head of pine log branch, thence with the meanders of said branch to the beginning containing three hundred and eighty nine acres more or less. I hereby except sixty five acres more or less formerly sold to T. L. Long & C. L. Long also a small tract formerly conveyed to Jesse Bennett from the above described premises. Also two tracts of land in Big Cow Cow swamp near the mouth of Little Cow Cow swamp containing twenty acres more or less.

Third: I give to P. M. Blanton, one gray horse with harness &c. for use of cattle, my entire stock of hogs one farm cart one buggy and harness all my farming utensils and all other personal property.

It is expressly understood by all the parties to this will that I F. J. Bennett do hereby require and bind the said P. M. Blanton Minnie O. Blanton and Sarah L. Long to provide & take care of my aged mother

Susan H. Bennett & Emma V. Bennett my afflicted aunts & see that they are cared for in the best possible way during their natural life

and it is agreed that if the said parties P. M. Blanton, Minnie O. Blanton & Sarah L. Long should fail to comply with this requirement then this will & every part thereof will be null & void otherwise in full force to all intents, & purposes.

Third: I hereby constitute & appoint my trusty friend W. H. Stoner my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof hereby revoking & declaring void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1881.

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

L. D. Long
M. H. Long

North Carolina }
Brunswick County } In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of F. J. Bennett deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by P. M. Blanton, custodian of will therein mentioned. & the due execution thereof by the said F. J. Bennett by the oath and examination of L. D. Long & M. H. Long the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn do depose & say, & each for himself depose & saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will & Testament of F. J. Bennett that the said F. J. Bennett in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which is now shown as aforesaid, & which bears date of the May 1st 1916 by making his mark.

And the deponent further saith, that the said F. J. Bennett the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing as subscribed by him & exhibited to be his last Will & Testament & this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, & at the request and in the presence of said testator & this deponent further saith that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, & at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said F. J. Bennett was of sound mind & memory, of full age to execute a Will & was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent; And further these deponents say not.

L. D. Long
M. H. Long

Solemnly sworn & subscribed,
This 18th day of May 1916 before me
U. T. McKeithan Clerk of Superior Court

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It is therefore considered & adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing & every part thereof is the last Will & Testament of F. J. Bennett deceased. Let the said Will, together with the papers therewith filed & let citation issue to executor to qualify.
This 18th day of May 1916

U. T. McKeithan