

State of North Carolina
Brunswick County

No. 213

In the name of God Amen. - The 22nd day November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and eighty one. I Peter Rowntree, of the State and County above mentioned, Gentlemen: - being through the blessing of God, in a sound state of mind and memory, but calling to mind the frail tenure of life, and that it is appointed to all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it me, and the disposal of my body I leave to the entire discretion of my friends - With respect to my worldly estate, I give bequeath and dispose of it in the manner here following

First - I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Catharine A Rowntree who I make my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament all and singular, all my real estate and personal property, of all kinds whatever, of which I may be seized at my death. - I have use and hold during her widowhood, or until the youngest child shall become of age, then in either case viz: - when she shall cease to be a widow, or when the youngest child ceases to be a minor, then all the state both real and personal is to be equally divided among all my beloved children, and Catharine my beloved wife to each share and share alike

And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former Testament, will, legacies, bequests and executors by me in any way before named, willed, and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I set my hand and seal, the day and year above written

P. Rowntree 

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared, by the said Peter Rowntree as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, the Subscribers

Geo Leonard
John H Mints

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
Brunswick County } December 7th 1881

The execution of the foregoing Will is proved before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for the County and State, aforesaid by the oath and examination of George Leonard and John H. Mints, who after being duly sworn depose and say: - that they saw the testator sign the said Will, that he acknowledged the same to be his will, and that they signed the same as witnesses at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Therefore let it be registered in the Book of Wills together with this Certificate

Given under my hand the day and date above written

J. P. Swain
Judge of Probate

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December 12th 1881

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of Probate of the County aforesaid Catharine A Rowntree who after being duly sworn depose and says that she is the sole executrix named in the Will of Peter Rowntree deceased - that the value of the testator's personal Estate is about two thousand six hundred and thirty (\$2630) dollars consisting of 1 Horse, 2 Mules - Stock Hogs, Cattle & Sheep. Cash \$800. all other personal property \$1630.

That the lands of the testator is supposed to be worth about three thousand five hundred & five (\$3505-) dollars
That the names of the heirs as set forth in the Will are Catharine A Rowntree, Mary Emmal age 20 - 11th February 19 years - John Hescott age 16 - George Thomas 14 years of age & Peter 9 years of age all of whom reside at Shalotte in the County of Brunswick

C. A. Rowntree

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 12th day of December 1881

J. P. Swain
Judge of Probate