

State of North Carolina, } IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN!

Brunswick County. } I, Simpronious Russ, being aware of my body, tho' of a sound mind & perfect understanding I do hereby declare my last Will and Testament, and desire it may be secured all as such. First, I leave all my Estate, real and personal, lands, tenements, stock &c., at the disposal of my Executors for them to dispose of as they think best for the schooling of my children and support of my family, and paying my debts. I will and request after my debts are paid for my wife Amelia to have an equal share of all my property with my children share and share alike. I further request that all my estate remain together, and as each child comes of age, or marries then for them to have their part paid off to them as they come of age or marry. Furthermore I will that my wife Amelia shall have the use of a certain piece or parcel of land her lifetime if she chooses - viz: - Beginning at the mouth of the middle Saw Creek, running up the creek or Swamp near the old school house - from thence about a South course to the large timber from thence to the mouth of Little Sawcreek, from thence to the mouth of big Sawcreek - from thence up and along the run to the first station including the buildings, orchard, &c. - and do constitute and appoint my Wife Amelia and Joseph Hewitt Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 28th of October, 1811.

Witness My hand, Seal & Seal } Simpronious Russ (seal)

Brunswick County Court, Jan'y Term, 1817. The execution of of this Will was proved in open Court by the oath of Wm. Gause & was ordered to be Recorded. Recorded.

John J. Gause, Clerk.

Recorded agreeably to Act of Genl. Assembly, Spec. Session 1908
Ratified Feb'y 1st 1908 - Copied from Old Records, Book A. 21, p. 64.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN! I, Andrew Read, being in a low state of health, but of some memory, after resigning my body to the earth, and my soul to God, who gave it, do hereby and here with acknowledge this as my last will and testament and I do hereby empower my beloved wife Elizabeth to sell any part of my property and to pay all my just debts and to receive all debts due to me; and I do hereby empower her further to sell or remove any or all of my property to any State or County in the United States of America, without any let, hindrance or molestation for the term of her natural life, or widowhood; and if my wife chooses to marry her part any to as prescribed by law in such cases provided, and the remainder to be equally divided amongst my children including my grand daughter, Elizabeth Keith. Signed, sealed, and delivered the seventh of September in the year of our Lord Christ, One thousand and eight hundred and six, and in the thirty first year of the independence of America. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Wm. Heath & Mary Read.

Andrew Read, (seal)

Brunswick County Court, Jan'y Term, 1817.
The execution of this Will was proved in open Court by the oath of William Heath one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and was ordered to be recorded. Recorded in Book A. page 64 & 65.

John J. Gause, Clerk.

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