

The Last Will and Testament of Irenimich Gourne

In the name of God Amen

I Irenimich Gourne of the State of North Carolina and County of Buncombe residing on Pole Creek being of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that death is certain and our continuance in this life uncertain do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all other and former Wills by me made. And first of all I desire to call up all the power of my mind and soul to give thanks to a merciful redeemer for the mercies which he hath been pleased to bestow upon me. and that such worldly substance as he hath been pleased to bestow upon me with I will and desire in manner following.

I will and desire that my executors herein after named Burry me in a plain shroud in my plantation where my youngest child is Buried and that my said executors pay all my lawful debts that I am now owing and such as I may be owing at my death this time of my decease out of any money that may come into her hands of value of her executorship I will and desire to my well beloved wife Catharine all the lands of which I am now seized and possessed as that I may be buried and interred at the time of my decease to be her during her lifetime and then to be equally divided between my two sons before the youngest sons wife & heirs & Irenimich Gourne Jr the youngest or Irenimich Gourne to have that part which will include my present dwelling I will and desire to my beloved wife Catharine all my personal estate of any kind manner and order to be her during her natural lifetime and to be sold at not less than six months nor over twelve months credit and to be distributed my children or Grandchildren as my wife Catharine may think fit and proper, I hereby appoint my well beloved wife Catharine my executors to carry this will into effect.

In witness whereof I Irenimich Gourne have hereunto set my hand this day executed and published this my last will and testament in the presence of the subscriber witnesseth the 6th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four

William Rindall

Samuel B. Gudger (Sub)

State of North Carolina, October term 1844 Buncombe Co. NC Wills 1834 to 1868 www.northcarolinapioneers.com

The last will & testament of David Edwards Jr.
In the name of God Amen.

I David Edwards Jr. of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, though bodily afflicted, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say. First that my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts. However and to whomsoever coming out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate, Item first I give and bequeath devise to my son John H. Edwards Two Dollars.

Item second I give and devise to my son David D. Edwards Two Dollars. Item third I give and devise to my son Moses H. Edwards Two Dollars.

Item fourth I give and devise my son William R. Edwards Two Dollars.

Item fifth I give and devise to my Daughter by a wife of Captain Eller Two Dollars. Item sixth I give and bequeath devise to my Daughter Susannah wife of Creek Peeler Two Dollars. Item seventh I give and devise to my Daughter Jane wife of John Gentry Two Dollars.

Item eighth I give and devise to my Daughter Elizabeth Two Dollars. Item ninth I give and devise to my Daughter Isabella Two Dollars.

Item tenth having no real estate I give and devise to my beloved wife Polly all the personal estate belonging to my estate, to have and to hold to her own proper use and benefit to disposed by will or otherwise. Item eleventh my will and devise that the debts owing to me be collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of my just debt and expenses that such surplus be paid over to my wife, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly friend Joseph M. Rice my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and

testament according to the true intent and purport of the same in every part and clause thereof.

of Buncombe sitting on Pole Creek being of sound mind
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and our continuance on this life uncertain do make and
publish this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling
all others and former wills by me made. And first of all I
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give thanks to a merciful redeemer for the mercies which
he hath been pleased to bestow upon me. and that such
worldly substance as he hath been pleased to bestow upon me with
I will and desire on manner following.

I will and desire that my
executors herein after ~~hereinafter~~ named Bury me in a plain shroud
this in my plantation where my Longest Child is Buried and
that my said executors pay all my lawful debts that I am now
owing and such as I may be owing at ~~very~~ about the time
of my decease out of any money that may come into his
hands of virtue of her widowship I will and desire to
my well beloved wife Catharine all the lands of which I am
now seized and possessed or that I may be seized and
possessed of at the time of my decease to be her during her
lifetime and then to be equally divided between my two well
beloved sons Longest son Nathaniel & Second Son
for the youngest or Junniet Gurn to have that part which
will include my present dwelling I will and desire to my
beloved wife Catharine all my personal estate of my usual
manner and order to be her during her natural lifetime
and to be sold at not less than ~~not~~ over twelve months
credit and to be distributed my children or Grandchildren
as my wife Catharine may think fit and proper I hereby
appoint my well beloved wife Catharine my executors
to carry this will into effect.

In testimony whereof I command
you Sirs to witness this day executed and published this my
last will and testament in the presence of the subscriber
Witnessed this 6th day of June in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and forty four

John Edwards

Samuel B. Edger (Sub.)

State of North Carolina October term 1844
Buncombe County the foregoing also was duly sworn in
upon oath by the oaths of Samuel B. Edger a subscriber witness
and admitted of record

Buncombe Co. NC
S. B. Edger

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mind and memory, though bodily afflicted, but considering
the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare
this my last will and testament in manner and form
following, that is to say. First that my executors hereinafter
~~named~~ shall provide for my body a decent burial
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Two Dollars,

Item fourth I give and devise my son William
H. Edwards Two Dollars,

Item fifth I give and devise
to my Daughter Lydia wife of Captain Eller Two Dollars
Item sixth I give and ~~bequeath~~ devise to my Daughter
Sarah wife of Tomah Two Dollars,
Item seventh I give and devise to my Daughter Jane
wife of John Gentry Two Dollars,

Item eighth I give and
devise to my Daughter Elizabeth Two Dollars,
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devise to my beloved wife Polly all the personal estate
belonging to my estate, to have and to hold to her own
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paid over to my wife, and lastly I do hereby constitute and
appoint my truly friend Joseph M. Rice 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 and ~~meaning~~ part and clauses thereof, hereby testifying
and declaring under oath all other wills and testaments
of me heretofore made.

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In witness whereof I the said David Edwards & his nevow
set my hand and seal this the third day of June one thousand
eight hundred and forty four
Signed sealed published and delivered by the said David
Edwards & to be his last will and testiment in the presence of us
who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names
as witness thereto
I sign his further name
John Fisher Smith
Mark

John Fisher Smith
Mark

State of North Carolina January term 1845
Buncombe County The foregoing will was duly proven
in open court by the oaths of Jno Fisher as subscriber
Witness thereto and admitted of record

A. Harrison Kelly
By M. H. Estlin Esq.

The last will and testiment of Robert Warren,
November 20 day and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and forty four A.M. Being in my power wings and
good sense this being my last will and testiment
I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth three
cows and the Brown mare and one sow and pigs and two
goats and all the household and kitchen furniture during
her natural life time or widowhood and at her death
to be sold and equally divided between the three girls
I will and bequeath unto my son Andrew the upper part
of my home place beginning on the south side of Horsing
and runs as follows turning up a small ridge bounded by a small
watered to the old gap of the fence between the two lines and
one half of the place on glady fork of Horsing bought of
William Garland
2d I will and bequeath unto my son James the place where
he lives now by the name of the Salt place one hundred and
5th I will and bequeath unto my son William the home
place except forty acres and the other half of the place
on glady fork fifty acres
3d I will and bequeath unto the son of Daniel Warren
Robert Warren forty acres of land part of the home place
and others the widow of Daniel Warren now lives and long
as follows Beginning on a Black Oak tree with the Crag fork
Run South to the old line then E to the corner then S to
the Salt line then West to the beginning and the widow of
Daniel Warren to have her home on the place during her
widowhood or conduct herself penderably
4th I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Maria the
blue Bank Mare Riddle and saddle of the common plain
sab and an ox and an ox bow the son is known by the family
the spotted heifer bought of Andrew Warren and is now
giving birth
5th The wills to equally between Andrew James and William
and my dear wife to have her support from the place and
mills free of charge and or charges
6th The Waggon and Harny to remain on the place in the possession
of Andrew Williams & James to have the use of them Mills and
some of all East and of my property that is not specified
after this years support to be sold and divided among all
of my children after my debts is paid
Mark. Signed in presence of us

Robert Warren