

by the oath of W. J. Miller that the said Will was found among the valuable papers and effects of said B. F. Saunders after his death, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, viz- W. J. Miller, L. H. Smith and Wm. Grubbs, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of said B. F. Saunders, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said B. F. Saunders subscribed to said Will and the Will itself and every part thereof, are in the handwriting of said B. F. Saunders. And it is further proved, by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of said B. F. Saunders. It is therefore ^{considered} by the ^{Judge of Probate} Court of the County that the said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said B. F. Saunders, and the same is ordered to be Recorded and filed. And thereupon the said H. C. Saunders qualifies as Executor by taking the oath required by law.

Witness, J. E. Reed, ~~County Clerk of Superior~~ ^{Judge of Probate} Court, at Office, the 25th day of July, A.D. 1868, and in the 73rd year of our Independence.

J. E. Reed ^{Judge of Probate}
By Thos. W. Allen D. C.

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County }

I Harriett Cochran of the County and State above named being, sober, wake in body but of perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills ~~by~~ me at any time made and first I give my soul to God from whom I receive it and my body to the dust to be buried in a neat and decent burial and as to such worldly estate as it hath been pleased God to bless me with I dispose of it as follows item I give to Moses Cochran one bed and furniture to keep it comfortable 4 of the best Coverlets 5 of the best Bed bed quilts 4 of the best blankets 4 under sheets 1 stand of Long Curtains 2 sets of under curtains 1 trunk and chest I give to William and James Cochran I give to Rebecca Cochran 9 dresses 4 of my best under dresses and \$4.00 worth of

Handkerchiefs and aprons and 4 Table cloths
 1 Stand of calico curtains and 5 of the best counterpane
 also I direct that Matilda Walker and Huldah Ruth
 to divide the Balance of of my things equally
 between my heirs I do here by make and ordain
 in Lill Walker executor of this my last will
 and testament in witness whereof Harriet Cochrane
 The Testator have to this My ^{last} Testament set
 my hand and seal this the 3^d day of February in
 the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 Sixty Eight signed sealed and delivered in
 the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence
 of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other
 J. B. Lance
 Mary M. Stuart
 Harriet Cochrane

State of North Carolina in the Probate Court
 Buncombe County a paper writing purporting
 to be the last will and testament of Harriet Cochrane
 deceased is exhibited before me undersigned Judge of
 Probate for said county Lill Walker the executor
 there in, named and the due execution thereof by
 the said Harriet Cochrane by the oath of J. B.
 Lance and of Mary M. Stuart the subscribing
 witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doath depose
 and say and each for him self depose and
 say that they are subscribing witnesses to the paper
 writing now shown him purporting to be the last
 will and testament of Harriet Cochrane that the
 said Harriet Cochrane in the presence of this
 deponent subscribed her name at the end of said
 paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid
 and which bears date on the 3^d day of February
 A.D. 1868 did in the presence of this deponent acknowledge the signing the said paper writing
 and the deponent further said that the said Harriet
 Cochrane the Testator aforesaid did at the time of sub-
 scribing her name at aforesaid declare the said paper
 writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her
 last will and testament and this deponent did
 thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said
 will as an attesting witness thereto and at the
 request and in the presence of the said testator
 and this deponent further saith that at the said time

when the said Testator subscribed her name to the said last will as afore said and at the time of the of the deponent subscribing her name as an attesting witness there to as afore said the said Harriet Cochran 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 these deponents and further these deponents say not

Severally Sworn and Subscribed
this 30th day of October, A.D. 1868

J. B. Reed
Probate Judge

J. R. Lance
Mary, W. Stuart

Transferred

In the name of God amen

I A H Johnston of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first that my executor 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 last debts hereinafter and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or part of my estate

I give and devise to my Beloved wife Mary all land from lower line of the home tract up to the Big ditch above the the off the meadow field that runs from the river to the road including my dwelling house & all out houses supposed to be about Two hundred acres to have and to hold to her the said Mary for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and third of and in all my real estate

I give and devise to my daughter Nancy wife of John Hunter a portion of my home tract on the west side of the river including 12 acres but less J. B. Linton beginning on a forked black oak the south east corner of the home tract and runs north to a series at the edge of the swamp then with the fence to the back & gum corner on the river then down the