

North Carolina
Rancombe County

I J. A. Woodcock do hereby make this my last will and testament, I give and bequeath unto my son John B. Woodcock Seven thousand dollars to be paid in cash. I give and bequeath my sister Rebecca J. Woodcock one thousand dollars. If my said sister is not living the above amount of one thousand to be divided amongst the children of my sister Eliza J. Lea, I give and bequeath the balance of my property both real and personal unto my wife Julia Emma Woodcock. I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Julia Emma Woodcock as executrix of this my last will and testament.

J. A. Woodcock (Seal)
Signed sealed, and acknowledged by J. A. Woodcock as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other hereto sign our names as subscribing witnesses - This 22nd Aug. 1888 -

Henry G. Chandler,
J. H. Cobb,

North Carolina
Rancombe County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of J. A. Woodcock deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned clerk of court for said county, by Julia E. Woodcock the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said J. A. Woodcock by the oath and examination of Henry G. Chandler and J. H. Cobb the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn ^{and} depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, and each subscribing witness to the paper making and

shown him purporting to be the will and testament of J. A. Woodcock that the said J. A. Woodcock in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 29th day of June 1888. And the deponent further saith, that the said J. A. Woodcock the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his 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 his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said J. A. Woodcock was, of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, in formation or belief of the deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Henry G. Chandler (Seal)

J. H. Cobb (Seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 3rd day of September 1889 before me
W. F. Reynolds C.S.C.

State of North Carolina }
Rancombe County } In the Superior Court
Julia E. Woodcock do swear (or affirm) that I believe this writing to be and contain

the last Will and Testament of J. A. Woodcock deceased; and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies, as far as the said estate shall extend, or the law will charge me, and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in me, and according to law; so help me God.

Julia C. Woodcock

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of September 1889.

W. V. Reynolds C.S.C.

In the Matter of the } Before
Administration of the Estate of } W. V. Reynolds C.S.C.
J. A. Woodcock deceased }

Julia C. Woodcock being sworn doth say, that J. A. Woodcock late of said county is dead leaving Will and Testament, and affirms that Julia C. Woodcock an executrix or legatee, administrator, claims being - Julia C. Woodcock, Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 3rd day of Sept 1889

W. V. Reynolds C.S.C.

(See page 588 for Order of Probate - J. A. Woodcock Estate)

North Carolina
Buncombe County

Be it Remembered that on the Thirtieth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and fortyone I W. Brittain of the County of Buncombe in the State of North Carolina, knowing the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of life and being now of reasonable health but my mind somewhat somewhat impaired by infirmities old age

But knowing that life is the time to prepare for death and eternity I this day make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament which is as follows To wit, 1st it is my will & desire that my body should be decently buried in my own burying ground near my two children which is gone before me my body to the dust & my soul to God, is my desire and hope

2nd As to my debts thank God I owe none but good will & shall therefore give my executors no trouble on that account

3rd It is my will and desire that my daughter Jane Swain & my youngest son George W. Brittain have all my land where I now live containing three hundred acres more or less which they shall and may enjoy and occupy as joint tenants or divide at their pleasure so as to be equal with all my present stock of every kind consisting of two head horse beds, twentyfive head cattle, twentyone head of hogs, and thirtytwo head of sheep with all the increase of each kind of stock with all my stock of tools & furniture the right of all these shall be vested in the aforesaid Jane Swain and Geo. W. Brittain to do & dispose of at their own will and pleasure, with all my house hold & kitchen furniture & all other of my property which I now possess not herein named to be equally divided between them as they may please

provided, that, my said daughter Jane Swain & my son Geo. W. Brittain doth maintain me and my wife decently & comfortably during our lifetimes, as would become dutiful children & further comply with all the Requisitions of this my last will & Testament, or the same shall be void and of no effect.

4th It is my desire that my daughter Jane Swain & my son Geo. W. Brittain should have and possess from this time all of the Estate & property equal as mentioned in the 3rd item by them paying to the rest of my children

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Buncombe County } Before the Clerk
In the Matter of the Estate of }
J. A. Woodcock, deceased } Order of Probate

In the above entitled matter it appearing to the Court that J. A. Woodcock, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, died in the year 1889, leaving a Last Will and Testament bearing date June 29, 1888, which Last Will and Testament appears of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Buncombe County, North Carolina, in Record of Wills B at Page 538;

And it further appearing to the Court that the due execution of said Last Will and Testament of J. A. Woodcock was duly proven on September 3, 1889 before W. J. Reynolds, who was then the Clerk of said Court, by the oath & examination of Henry B. Chandler and S. H. Cobb, the subscribing Witnesses to said Will, said proofs of execution being in Writing, duly subscribed and sworn to before said Clerk and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Buncombe County North Carolina in Record of Wills B at Page 538;

And it further appearing to the Court that Julia E. Woodcock, the Executrix named in said Will, duly qualified as Executrix thereof and that the record of her qualification appears in the records of this Court in said Record of Wills B at Page 539;

And it further appearing to the Court that no Order of Probate of said Will appears on the records of this Court and that if any such Order was issued the same has been lost and cannot be located;

And it further appearing to the Court that said Last Will and Testament of J. A. Woodcock deceased, is in due form of law and is duly executed and published by the Testator and duly witnessed by the Witnesses thereto and the proof of the execution of said Will has been duly and regularly made according to law;

It is, Therefore, Considered, Ordered And Adjudged by the Court that said paper-writing bearing date June 29, 1888 on file in this Court and recorded as above set out and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of J. A. Woodcock, deceased, and is admitted to probate as such.

Witness my hand this 5 day of May, 1944.

J. E. Swann
Clerk Superior Court