

Esse Clark 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 declare
this my last will and Testament in manner
and form following: That is to say
I will that my Executor herein after named
shall provide for the bodies of my self and wife
a decent burial suitable to the wishes of our relations
and Friends, and pay all Funeral Expenses toge-
ther with all just debts lawfulness and
to whomsoever owing out of the money
that may first come into his hands as a
part or parcel of my Estate
I will to my Son J. C. Clark one Bed, one
Dresser one Clock one Cupboard
I will to my Daughter Sarah C. Ray beaver
and the remaining part of the Bedding with all
her Mother wearing apparel
I will that the remainder of all my household
and Kitchen Furniture be equally divided between
my Son J. C. Clark and my Daughter
Sarah C. Ray
I will to my Daughter Sarah C. Ray Fifty
Dollars worth of Stock value as to her by
disinterested persons Promised said Stock shall
be on hand at my death and the death of my
wife and if there be any remainings the
same to be equally divided between my said
Son and daughter
and Whereas my eldest Son Wm. H. Clark
has died leaving two children Sarah C. Clark
about eight years old, and William H. Clark
about five years old My will and desire
is that my said Son J. C. Clark be and he
is hereby constituted and appointed Guardian
and Trustee as will more fully show
reference being had to a Deed Executed by me to
him for their special benefit of this date
which property he is hereby directed to convey
to them as soon as they be of legal age

It is

years old, the rents and profits of said convey-
ance to be applied to their Education if they be not
Educated otherwise, until they become twenty one
I do hereby constitute and appoint my only son
J. C. Clark 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 every Part and Clause thereof, hereby revoking
and declaring all other wills and Testaments utterly
void. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and Seal January 25th 1868
Jesse Clark

Buncombe County in the Probate Court
A Paper purporting to be the Last will and
Testament of Jesse Clark deceased; is exhibited
before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said
County. J. C. Clark the Executor therein named
and the due execution thereof by the said Jesse Clark
by the oath and examination of W. P. Fortune
the subscribing witness thereto, who being duly
sworn doath and say that he is a Sub-
scribing Witness to the Paper Writing now
shown purporting to be the Last will and Testa-
ment of Jesse Clark that the said Jesse
Clark in the Presence of this Defendant sub-
scribed his name to the end of said Paper
writing which is now shown as aforesaid
and which bears date on the 25th January 1868
And the Defendant further says that the
said Testator aforesaid did at the time of subscrib-
ing his name as aforesaid declare the said Paper
writing to be subscribed by him, and exhibited to be
his Last will and Testament and this Defendant
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 Defendant further says that at the said time
when the said Testator subscribed his name to
said Last will as aforesaid and at the time
of the Defendant subscribing his name as attesting
witness thereto as aforesaid the said Jesse Clark

was of sound mind and memory of full
age to execute a will, and was not under any
restraint to the knowledge information or
Relief of this Depoant, and further this
Depoant sayeth not
sworn to and subscribed
this 20th day of September 1871
before me J. B. Reed
Probate Judge

In Dunning of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of the same mind that I was in 1865 on the same subject, on the dividing of my land among my children 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

ist I give and devise to Lot Lanning the pla-
ce where he now lives on a coveantee to
notes that was surregeed for him also a
piece that was surregeed on the mountain
number one joining his pine knob tract
on the north side

cord I find and desire to Rebecca Lanning
the webbs creek place according to the
way it was surveyed last and a place
on the mountain number four that covers
the water pack with its notes

bird I give and beise to Synther Chimney
the place where she now lives on the small
meadow branch with its notes, and a
piece on the mountain summit thru the
Brookshen gap with its notes.

I give and send to Sarah Harper a place on the mountain number two Spring between number one and number three with its note and a piece joining Harsh by on the west side to make her Equal Buncombe Co. N

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E. R. Lanning his wife I tried to get her to stay with me and make a living till we got to contrary, and abbasine ~~that~~ with three things that I could not stand. ~~any~~ longer I wish her to have that arbitration set that she is due me. E. R. Lanning his two children James Marion and Bandis Angelina I want them to have Twenty Five Dollars apiece in money when they when they become of age.

Sixth

Senerith

I wish my Wife to have her Support
of the Place with the product of it when
I know Live

The Children Land with a reserve of my own ~~benefit~~ of record, and the Power to keep off any intrusion that may occur in any way, to me or my Heirs to whether he ~~whether~~ rented ~~Leasehold~~ Soala without my leave, and a full settlement made on my Estate then it to be theirs and their children, and should they die before me that their husbands or wives be allowed to live thereon during their ~~lives~~ widow or widower hood and no further than the Land to be Long to their children in true hereditary, no attestation to be made in assessment because they improve or do improve so far as the Land is concerned, the children is present and acknowledge them selves satisfied all Rated at three hundred talaks a piece Witness our assignments Lt Lanning

Robert Lammings
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Sarah C. Harper

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I wish that my children would see that
E R Larrikin's two children get what
have allowed them when they are twenty one
years of age, and be that the farm is well
taken care of and the mother well taken
care of off of the place and regulate the produce
in a way that they think it is
and if they suffer call on two laundresses

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 this Depoant, and further this
Depoant sayeth not
Sworn to and subscribed
this 5th day of September 1871
before me J. B. Reed
Probate Judge

W. P. Fortune

I John Lanning of the County of Buncombe and State
of North Carolina being of the same mind that
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First

I give and devise to Ed Lanning the pla-
ce where he now lives on a cordance to
notes that was surveyed for him also a
piece that was surveyed on the mountain
number one joining his pine knob tract
on the north side

Second

I give and devise to Rebecca Lanning
the Webb's Creek place according to the
way it was surveyed last, and a piece
on the mountain number four that comes
the Water pack with its notes

Third

I give and devise to Syntha Quinn
the place where she now lives on the
meadow branch with its notes, and a
piece on the mountain number three the
Brookshen Gap with its notes

Fourth

I give and devise to Sarah Harper a piece
on the mountain number two Spring between
number one and number three with its notes
and a piece joining Harney on the west
side to make her equal with the rest

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~~neither~~ rented ~~land~~ sold with out
my leave, and a full settlement on
my estate then it to be theirs and
their children, and should they die before
that their husbands or wives be allowed to
live thereon during their ~~lives~~ widowhood
widow hood and no further than the
to be long to their children in true he-
ir, no attention to be made in assessment
because they improve or do improve so far
the land is concerned, the children is to
and acknowledge them selves satisfied
all rated at three hundred dollars a piece
With our assignments Ed Lanning,
Rebecca Lanning,
Syntha Quinn
Sarah C. Harper

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E. R. Lanning's two children get what
have allowed them when they are twenty one
years of age, and see that the farms is
taken care of and their mother well taken
care of off of the place and regulate the pro-
of the place in a way that they think it
right, and if they suffer call on two sound men