

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 defendant, and further this defendant saith not

W. P. Fortune

Sworn to and subscribed
this 6th day of September 1871
before me J. B. Reed
Probate Judge

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I John Lawrence of the County of Buncombe and State
of North Carolina being of the same mind since that
I was in 1865 on the same subject on the
Dividing of ~~my~~ Land among my children
am but considering the uncertainty of
my earthly existence do make and
declare that my last will and Testament
in manner and forme following that
is to say

Geist

I give and devise to Bob Leuning the place to take he now lives on a concession to notes that was surrendered for him also a place that was surrendered on the mountain numbered one Leuning his pine knot 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 place
on the Mountain number four that comes
the water back with its soil.

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I give and bequeath to synthetic ~~the place where she now lies on the model~~
~~meadow branch with her notes, and a~~
~~piece on the mountain number three the~~
~~Brookhaven Gap with its notes.~~

Grant

I give and devise to Sarah Harper a piece
on the mountain number Two Spring between
number one and number three with its wells
and a piece joining thereby on the west
side to make her ~~equal~~ ^{an equal} part of the same. W.

Eight

E.R. Lanning his wife I tried to get her stay with me and make a living till got so contrary and abusive ~~that~~ with these things that I could not stand, ~~so~~ so I wish her to have that arbitration on that she is sue me. E.R. Lanning his two children James Marion and Bandy Angel I want them to have Twenty Five Dollars a piece in money when they when they be come of age

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be come of age
I wish my wife to have her Superior
of the place with the proceeds of her as
I know ~~line~~
The Children Land with a reserve of my
own ~~butcher~~ of Bread, and the other to
off any intrusion that may occur in a
way to me or my Heirs to scatter a
~~mother~~ rented ~~Leasow~~ Scald with our
my Leasow, and a full settlement in
on my Estate then it to be theirs as
there children, and should they die before
that their husband or wife be allowed to
take there leaving there ~~to~~ and own a
widow hood and no further than the ~~to~~
to be Long to there children in true ke
ip. no attention to be made in alimony
because they in monor & its in prove so far
the Land is concerned, the children is po
and a difference then selves Intend
all rates at three hundred dollars a piece
Witness our assignments Lot Lanning,

Rebecca Lanning
Lydia Chamberlain
Sarah A. Harper

I wish that my children would see that
S R Lanning his two children get what
have allowed them when they are twenty-one
years of age, and so that the farms is in
safe hands care of and their mother well taken
care of off of the place and regulate the per-
sonalities in a way that they think
right, and if they differ call on two learned men

was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowlage information or belief of this defendant, and further this defendant saith not

Swear to and subscribed
the 5th day of September 1871
before me J. G. Reed
Probate Judge

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Fifth

E. R. Lanning his wife S'itia to get her to stay with me and make a living till she got to contrary, and abbeline ~~that~~ with the things that I could not stand, may longer I wish her to have that arbitration out that she is sue me. E. R. Lanning his two children James Marion and Charles Angelina I want them to have Twenty Five Dollars a piece in money when they when they be come of age

I wish my wife to have her support of the place with the produce of what we know here

Sixth

The Chilares Land with a reserve of my own ~~household~~ of bread, and the power to keep off any intrusion that may occur in any way to me or my heirs to neither be ~~rented~~ rented ~~but~~ sold without my leave, and a full settlement made on any estate then it to be theirs and their children, and should they die before me that their husband or wife be allowed to take there being there ~~land~~ widow or widower and no further than the land to be left to their children in due course of time, no attention to be made in settlement because they in more or less in poor so far as the land is concerned, the children is present and acknowledge them selves satisfied all right at three hundred dollars a piece

Witness our assignments E. R. Lanning
Rebecca Lanning
Sister Anna May
Sarah C. Harper

Seventh

I wish that my children would see that E. R. Lanning his two children gets what he have allowed them when they are twenty one years of age, and so that the farm is well taken care of and there mother well taken care of off the place and regulate the produce of the farm in a way that they think best is right and if they differ call on the lawman

First

I give and devise to Bob Lanning the place to take he now lives on a cordance to notes that was surveyed for him also a place that was surveyed on the mountain number one Lanning his pine knot 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 place on the Mountain number four that comes the water back with its notes

Third

I give and devise to Anna May the place where she now lives on the small meadow branch with its notes, and a piece on the mountain number three the Brookshur gap with its notes

Fourth

I give and devise to Sarah Harper a place on the mountain number two Lanning between number one and number three with its notes and a piece Lanning farm by on the lower side to make her equal to the others

men to help them, and I wish my children
to let all the surplus property equal among them
selves and have no hate and I wish if there is
an agent needed in any thing that Lot ~~the~~
Lanning would fill it and get a cent
pay for his services, whereof I have
known to let my hand and affix my
seal this 11th March 1871

Pet Readmond,
John Lanning
^{his} son
mark

John Lanning

In Blaydon County in the Probate Court
A Paper purporting to be the Last will
and Testament of John Lanning and is Exhi-
bited before me the undersigned Judge of
Probate for said County by Lot Lanning
(there being no Executor there in named) and the
same Executed thereof by the said John Lann-
ing by the oath and Examination of Pet.
Readmond and of Joshua Jenkins, the
Subscribing witness thereto who being
solenly sworn doth and sayeth, and
each for him help doth and sayeth that he is
that he is a subscriber witness to the
Paper writing now shown him purporting
to be the Last will and Testament of John
Lanning that the said John Lanning in
the presence of these subscribers did subscribe
his name to the end of said Paper writing
which is now shown as aforesaid and which
has date 11th March 1871

And the subscribers further sayeth that the
said John Lanning the Testate 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 that aforesaid
to bid there upon such exhibitors names
at the end of said will as attesting
witnesses thereto, and ~~at the time of~~
in the presence of the said Testator

And the subscribers further sayeth, that
at the said time when the said Testator
did subscribe his name to the said Last
will as aforesaid, and at the time of these
subscribers subscribing their names as
attesting witnesses thereto; as aforesaid the
said John Lanning was of sound mind
and memory of full age to execute
a will and was not under any
restraint to the knowledge and belief
information or behalf of these sub-
scribers, and further these subscribers
sayeth not.

Pet Readmond
Severely sworn
and subscribed before
me this 9th day of
September 1871
J. H. Reed
Probate Judge