

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1875

J. E. Reed

Surgeon Private

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court, that  
the said Last will and Testament of  
James Bentley, be admitted of Record and  
that the said B. F. Rogers one of the Executors  
therein named, at one of the Executors be  
allowed to qualify as one of the said Executors,  
therein named, the other Executor not having  
appeared to qualify this the eleventh day  
of October 1875.

Signed J. E. Reed, Surgeon  
Private

Whereupon the said B. F. Rogers comes into  
Court, and Takes and subscribes the  
oath of Executor of the said will as  
required by Law and is hereby taken  
the Lister of Executorship this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1875

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I John S. Weaver of Weaverville NC do make  
publish and declare this my last will of all my  
property both real and personal that is to say:  
I devise to my two sons John & James  
Weaver, all that portion of my land known  
as the Creek tract, except that portion herein after  
denoted viz; To begin on a Stake at the head of  
the sawmill lane and running nearly south  
with said lane to the head of the main ditch in  
the Meadow thence with said ditch to Creek wagons  
old line then with said line around to the begin  
ning containing about acres more or less  
I also further except the saw mill for the period of  
ten years by which I do not intend that my  
sons James C. & John A. shall be denied the use of  
said mills, but that it may be used by all my  
family living near by, and I further devise  
that a portion of the timber on the south side  
of the Creek and on the above named premises  
be used for necessary repairs of fence houses &c  
of the homestead as the majority of my timber  
is on that side of said Creek I hereby further  
except my cabin made on the Creek  
I devise to my wife Mary S. Weaver all of the  
homestead tract upon which I live, known as  
the tract I purchased from William Mayes  
containing one hundred acres, and also that  
portion of the old "Creek" tract not devised  
to my two sons John & James Weaver  
commencing at the head of the sawmill  
lane and running south with the old Creek  
line to the end of the same thence a stake  
concourse to the old wagon spring road to a  
stake then up said road north to a stake  
at cross fence or fork of the road  
leading to the mill, thence east to a  
stake at the first branch then up that  
branch to the wagon line running east  
& west then west with said line to its  
corner then with said line to the Branch  
1868-1899 with said line to the beginning  
of main and to hold during her natural

life or widowhood remainder to my son Frank M. Warner as his heirs for ever  
3<sup>rd</sup> I further devise (for the reasons that the above in encumbrance) to my son Frank M. Warner, a tract of Land bounded as follows beginning at a Stake in the Warm Spring Road, at a point by running it would strike the original wagon line and run with that line to the old Stage Pickens line at or near the old Steamer School house, so as to exclude fire wood thence west with said line to the corner near the School house place then south with that line to the Baker line then with that line back to the old "Cobb" line, would strike the old wagon spring road, then to the beginning containing fifty acres more or less.

4<sup>th</sup> I devise to my wife Ellen Gray & little girls Warner my two daughters my Walnut Creek place in Madison County containing two hundred and seventy five acres more or less.

5<sup>th</sup> I devise to my three little daughters Anna E. Irene, Esther M. Warner all my real estate that has not been disposed of except my Cabin Nathan property on Burns Creek, in the manner following that a comfortable house with other necessary buildings, to make it suitable for a residence, be erected on my farm lot in Warnerville, and to that end I hereby empower my Executor here in after to be appointed to sell my interest in house and lot in Warnerville known as the Teachers, at publick sale or otherwise, and apply the proceeds to the above named purpose and further to entitle the above object I hereby empower him to sell any of my personal property to complete the same and after Burcombe Co. NC Wills, Bk B, 1868-1899

completions of the above improvement the lot with its improvements shall be rented to the best advantage, by my Executor and the proceeds of said rent, to be equally applied to the Education of my minor Children, and after the children who have been provided for in this will shall have arrived at the age of 21 years then the above mentioned house and lot I devise to my three little daughters Anna E. Irene and Esther M. Warner, to them and their heirs be kept for ever.

I further devise that the proceeds of the sale or rent (and hereby authorize my Executor to sell or tent the same) of my Cabin Nathan on Burns Creek be applied to the improvement as above mentioned.

I hereby bequeath my house hold & kitchen furniture to my wife Mary S. Warner, for the benefit of my wife & children, and to be in possession as she may think proper.

I further devise that there be left on the farm I devised to my wife three horses or mules four milk Cows one wagon and buggy with harness for her, to go therewith a sufficient number of tools to work the same.

I hereby appoint and constitute G. P. Warner to execute this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1875.

Signed J. S. Warner (Signature)

Signed sealed and declared to be my last will and Testament in their presence and in the presence of each other.

(Signed) J. S. Reagan,  
R. L. Coleman  
W. E. Warner

State of North Carolina

Buncombe County, in the Probate Court.  
A paper purporting to be the last will and  
testament of John S. Weaver deceased, is  
produced before me the undersigned Judge  
of Probate for said County, C. P. Warner the  
Executor therein named, and the due execution  
thereof by the said John S. Weaver, by the  
oath and examination of W. E. Warner  
and of J. S. Peagam, two of the subscribing  
witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn  
doth depose and say, and each for him-  
self doth say, that he is a  
subscribing witness to the paper writing  
now shown him, purporting to be the  
last will and testament of John S. Weaver  
that the said John S. Weaver in the  
presence of these deponents, subscribed  
his name at the end of said paper writing  
which is now shown him as aforesaid  
and which bears date the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October  
1874; and the deponent further sayeth  
that the said J. S. Weaver the testator aforesaid  
did at the time of subscribing his  
name as aforesaid declare the said paper  
writing to be subscribed by him and executed  
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 sayeth that  
at the same time when the said testator  
subscribed his name to the said last  
will as aforesaid, and at the time when  
deponent did subscribe his name as  
a testimony witness as aforesaid the said  
J. S. Weaver was of sound mind and  
memory of sufficient to execute a  
will and was not under any restraint  
to the knowledge information of either  
of these deponents, and that

the deponents say not,  
(Signed) W. E. Warner  
J. S. Peagam

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the  
2<sup>d</sup> Day of November 1874,

J. S. Peagam  
Judge of Probate

This is the last will and testament, Jacob Reid  
of the County of Buncombe, in the State of  
North Carolina that is to say:

I direct my Executor hereinafter named to  
promptly pay all my just debts after my death.

Item: I devise to my beloved wife Abby Reid a  
life estate for her natural life in all my lands  
situated in the County of Buncombe aforesaid.

Item: I bequeath to my said wife a life estate for  
her own life in my negro slaves, to wit: "Tilda," "Henry"  
"Sam" and "Joe" and any slaves I may own at my  
death, and a like estate in the increase of slaves  
"Tilda" after the date of this will, and the increase  
of any slave or slaves that I may hereafter  
acquire by purchase or otherwise.

Item: I bequeath to my said wife the use of all  
my other personal property of any kind what-  
soever, including money, rights, credits, stocks  
etc. for her comfort and support during her  
natural life, it being my intention that my said  
wife shall have the use of my property of every  
kind while she lives.

For satisfactory reasons to myself and which I  
do not choose to set down here, it is not my  
purpose to give any of my sons any portion of  
my property. If this seems strange, I have good  
reasons for such action, which for prudential  
reasons I do not choose to make public.

My friend Johnston McSwain has obliged  
himself to me by covenant, to manage my  
business and that of my wife, if she survives  
me for mutual benefit, comfort and  
support, and in the contingency of event, die-