

Buncombe County; in the Superior Court  
The State of North Carolina

In all whom these presents  
shall come Greeting

It being satisfactorily  
proved to the undersigned Clerk of the  
Superior Court for Buncombe County  
that Henry J. Johnson a citizen of  
Maryland but temporarily of said County  
is dead having made and published his last  
Will and Testament, which has been admitted to  
Probate, (a true copy whereof is hereunto annexed)  
and William C. Johnson, one of the Executors  
therein named, having qualified as such according  
to law

Now these are therefore, to empower the said  
Executor in connection with the other Executors  
therein named, to enter and upon all and  
singular the goods and chattels, rights and  
credits of the said deceased, and the same  
to take into possession wheresoever to be  
found, and all the just debts of the said  
deceased to pay and to satisfy, and the  
residue of said Estate to distribute ac-  
cording to the directions of said Will

Witness my hand, and the seal  
of said Court this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March A.D. 1886  
W. R. Reynolds  
Clerk Superior Court

Nathan Brown Will  
Know all men by these presents, that I Nathan Brown  
of the County of Buncombe State of North Carolina  
do hereby make and publish this my last Will  
and testament in manner and form following  
to-wit

First after the payment of all my just debts by my  
Executor herein after named, I will and bequea-  
th unto Susan Harris the tract of Land on which  
I now live forever together with rents money and  
profits arising out of the same or any lands that  
I may die seized of. For it is not my Will that  
Barton Brown shall ever share any more of  
my property, also all the cattle, Horses, or other  
stock that may be on hand at the day of my  
Death with all my Household Kitchen furniture  
Except the new Bureau, that I will to May  
Brown, John H. Collier, daughter to be to her use  
and the other property above mentioned to be for  
the use and benefit of Susan Harris, and  
it is my will and hereby constitute and  
appoint Francis M. Stevens my true and  
lawful Executor of this my last Will and  
testament in witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1886

Attest  
A. A. Pauland }  
M. F. Stevens }  
J. A. Frady }

Nathan Brown  
Mar 1886

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
Buncombe County }

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament  
of Nathan Brown deceased is exhibited before the  
undersigned, Clerk of Court of said County by Francis  
M. Stevens, the Executor therein named, and the due  
execution thereof by the said Nathan Brown by  
the oath and examination of M. F. Stevens and  
J. A. Frady two of the subscribing witnesses  
thereto: who, being duly sworn, doth depose

and say, and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Nathan Brown, that the said Nathan Brown, 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 15th day of March 1886

And the deponent further saith that the said Nathan Brown 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 deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said Nathan Brown 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 deponent And further these deponents, saith not

M. F. Stevens (Said)  
J. A. Frady (Said)

Severally sworn and  
Subscribed the 3rd day of April 1886  
before me M. J. Reynolds

Per M. J. Baird

State of North Carolina,  
Brunswick County } In the Superior Court

I, Francis M. Stevens do swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of Nathan Brown 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, on the law will change one 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 F. M. Stevens  
Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 3rd  
day of April 1886 M. J. Reynolds  
Clerk Superior Court

## Rebecca Lanning Will

I, Rebecca Lanning of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, Being of Sound Mind and Memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows "Viz. My will is my Body, be buried with a decent Burial suitable to the wishes of my Relations and friends and that my Executor hereinafter named shall pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come in to his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

Item first I give to Martha C. Owenby and Amanda Owenby and Philitus H. Lanning, jointly my whole tract of Land to be equally divided among them, And I hereby appoint P. H. Lanning, Guardian for P. H. Lanning and I also appoint C. D. Owenby, Guardian for Martha C. Owenby & Amanda Owenby -

Item 2nd I give to Sarah C. Harper the tract of Land that I now live on

Item 3rd My will is that the residue of my property be equally divided between Martha C. Owenby, Amanda Owenby and Philitus H. Lanning

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend R. W. Brank 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 disclaiming utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in Lanning, whereof I the said Rebecca Lanning do hereunto set my hand and seal  
June 10th 1873