

and say, and each for himself deposes and swears
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 shows as aforesaid, and which bears date of the
13th 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
whitened, to be his last Will and Testament, and
the 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 constraint to the knowledge
information or belief of this deponent
And further these deponents saith Not

M T Stevens (Seal)
J A Frady (Seal)

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

Per M. B. Baird Jr.
State of North Carolina, Buncombe County In the Superior Court

I, Francis H 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 aforesaid 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 W J Reynolds
Judge Superior Court

Rebecca Lanning Will

I, Rebecca Lanning 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 this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form as follows "Viz.. My will is my Body, bequeath
ed with a decent Burial according 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 into his hands as a part or parcel of
my Estate

Item first I give to Martha C Overby and Amanda Overby
and Philities H Lanning jointly my Webb
Brook 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 O D Overby, Guardian for Martha
C Overby & Amanda Overby -

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

My will is that the Residue of my property be
equally divided between Martha C Overby
& Amanda Overby and Philities H Lanning
I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty
friend R W Branch 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 Instruments by me
herefore made in Testimony whereof I the
said Rebecca Lanning do hereunto set my
hand and Seal

Rebecca Lanning (Seal)

June 18th 1873

Signed, Sealed, published & declared by
Rebecca Lanning, to her last
Will and Testament in presence of
us, who at her request were in her presence
do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
J. W. Mitchell
" J. Pittillo

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Rebecca Lanning deceased, is exhibited before
me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court by Johnson
Ashworth the Executor therein mentioned
having renounced his right to act, in writing
and the due execution thereof by the said
Johnson Ashworth, was proven by the oath
and examination of J W Mitchell and J G
Pittillo the subscribing witnesses thereto who,
being duly sworn, both depose and say, and each
for himself deposes and saith, that he is a sub-
scribing witness to the paper writing now shown
him purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Rebecca Lanning, that the said Rebecca
Lanning in the presence of this defendant, subscribed
her name at the end of said paper writing
which now shown as aforesaid and which
bear date of the 15th day of June 1873.

And the defendant further saith, that the
said Rebecca Lanning, the testator aforesaid
did at the time of subscribing her name as
aforesaid, declare the said paper writing
to be subscribed by her and admitted to be her
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 saith, that at the said time
when the said testator did subscribe her name to the
said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of
defendant subscribing his name as an attesting
witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Rebecca

Lanning 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 says not
J W Mitchell *(Signed)*
" J Pittillo *(Signed)*

Sworn and
subscribed the 8th day of
March 1886 before me
W D Reynolds CJC

Buncombe County:— In the Superior Court
In the Matter of the Administration } Before
of the estate of Rebecca Lanning } W D Reynolds, Clerk
Johnson Ashworth being sworn doth say: That
Rebecca Lanning wife of said County is dead
leaving a last Will and Testament and that
R W Brank the Executor therein named, has
renounced his office of Executor in writing.
The said Johnson Ashworth therefore applies
for Letters of Administration with the will
aforementioned, on the estate of the said Rebecca
Lanning. Further, that the value of said
estate so far as can be ascertained at the
date of this application is about \$750⁰⁰ and
that Martha C Overbay, Amanda Overbay
Thillers St Lanning and Sarah C Harfin
are entitled as heirs and distributees thereof
Johnson Ashworth
Sworn and Subscribed
before me the 8th day of April 1886

J D Reynolds

C. S. L.

State of North Carolina }

Buncombe County } In the Superior Court

You swear that you believe, Rebecca Lanning died leaving
a last Will and Testament that you will well and truly Ad-
minister etc and singular the goods and Chattels, rights and
creditors of the said Rebecca Lanning and a true and perfect
inventory thereof return according to law, and that all other
duties appertaining to the charge reposed in you, you will well
and truly perform according to law and with your best able
abilities do with your best W D Reynolds Clerk Superior Court