

Middleton and the same as entered & recorded & filed together with this certificate.

And thereupon the said Ellen Middleton, Executrix as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

(signed) J. E. Reid

Judge of Probate.

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Buncombe County } April 22nd 1876

I, J. E. Reid, Clerk of the Superior Court and Judge of Probate for the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Henry Middleton Esq. deceased, and of the Probate order, qualifications and letters of Executrixship of Ellen Middleton the Executrix therein named.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court at Office in Asheville this the 22nd day of April A.D. 1876.

(signed) J. E. Reid

Judge of Probate

for Buncombe County,
N.C.

State of North Carolina }

Buncombe County }

April 11th 1876

I Robert A Murray being in perfect health; but have a weak mind (Thank God) I wish to dispose of all the property and effects that I have (to wit) I bequeath to my dear & beloved wife Fannie Marcella Murray the farm I now live on known as my home tract; forever I now give the corners & distances

Beginning on Bear dead at the top in the head of a hollow more corner & runs east with snow line & other & 28 poles to a ~~small~~ post oak on the top of a Ridge then N. crossing the big Creek 150 poles to a stand on the line of the Pasture track then it about 125 poles to a gum tree on the line near the head of a little branch then from the gum tree to the head of the branch then down and with the meander of the branch to the creek near a cleft of rocks then up & with the meander of the creek to burn line then south with his line to the beginning containing 200 acres more or less

I give and bequeath to my dear & beloved wife a good & land forming the same tract - Mrs Caroline Shugart and N. Stevens witness to me by my father-in-law & W. Jones for the best & lawful & refer to his will for her to hold forever

I will & bequeath all my house hold furniture Tools, Wagon, Buggy, all my stock of every description that I possess including my cows & pigs, & small grain and also my bees & stances

I will & bequeath to my ^{dear} beloved wife two notes on Nat. Canaday & also I note on J. W. Boyson & one note on John Pettit; one note on Solomon Suther & also one note on J. R. Jones & also one note on Peter Rich and one note on Larkin Rivers the whole supposed to be between four teen & fifteen hundred dollars I will and bequeath to my dear & beloved wife during her natural life a certain piece of meadow land lying on Scotts branch bounded by J. W. Boysons land & Ab. Nickless land & John Pettits land

After my ^{wife} death the above meadow tract its my will the following piece be fixed the portion from the ditch that joins J. W. Boysons be one hundred & thirty acres

The portion from the ditch that joins John Pettie
be one hundred and twenty dollars of which
they (Bryson & Pettie) are to have preference
if they pay for it if not to be sold and distributed
equally among my brothers and sisters
I will and bequeath to my brothers and sisters certain
notes of hand namely one note of Monroville Patton
one note on John Throckmorton Lafayette Luther Jasper
Thyatt mortgage on land of Mrs Margaret Jones &
Henry Jones also one note on John Lanes a certain
piece of land called the Moore lands adjoining my
homestead lands James Nichols and Henry Alexander
supposed to be 70 or 75 acres

It is my will that this land be sold at public
sale to the highest bidder with interest from sale
with one, two and three years C^t and that the title
be held until the purchase money be paid and it is
my will that my brother Andrew Murray collect the
notes and sell the lands and pay over equally among my
brothers & sisters except my brother Samuel less sixty
dollars and my brother James less ten dollars and
it is my will that my brother Andrew Murray
hold in his hands the private part of Saml Murray
and Eliza Willson and pay to them as their real
necessities require I am in a bond with J. H. Bryson
to indemnify the heirs of and Mrs Andrew Lister if I
should have to pay it it is my will, that it shall come
out of the amount I have willed to my brothers and
sisters

I will and bequeath to my dear & beloved wife
Patience, Marcelled Murray, one note on Thomas
Brittain one note on Henry Alexander one note on
Mrs Caroline Shuford and note on Mrs James one note
on John Parkman & Ashury Davis.

It is also my will that
if there is an overplus of two hundred dollars going
to my brothers & sisters that Robert Murray have
fifty dollars Mattie R Murray to have fifty dollars

It is my will that
all my just debts be paid
This is my last will and testament in the year
of our Lord 1876
Test W. H. Moore
M. L. Neilson

(Signed) Robert A. Murray

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County

In the Probate Court
A. J. Murray named in the will of Robert A. Murray
as executor thereof applied to the Judge of Probate
of the County & State aforesaid to have the said will
admitted to Probate and the said Andrew J. Murray
being duly sworn says

- I That he is the executor named in the will of Robert A. Murray
- II That the estate consists in real and personal property
worth probably six thousand dollars
- III That the testator widows, Brothers & sisters of the Deceased
are the parties entitled to the said estate as legates

(Signed) A. J. Murray
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day
of May 1876
J. C. Reed
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County

In the Probate Court
A paper purporting to be the last will and
testament of Robert A. Murray is exhibited before
me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said
County by A. J. Murray the executor therein
named and the due execution thereof by the said
Robert A. Murray by the oath and examination
of W. H. Moore and M. L. Neilson, the subscribing witnesses
there to. Who being duly sworn, doth depose and
say and each for himself deposes and says that
he is a subscribing witness to the paper now being
now shown him purporting to be the last will
and testament of Robert A. Murray that the said
Robert A. Murray in the presence of these deponents
subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing
which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears
date of April 11th 1876. And the deponents further
say that the said Robert A. Murray the
testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing
his name as aforesaid declare the said paper
writing to be his last will and testament and that the deponents
did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of
said will as an attesting witnesses thereto and at
the request and in the presence of said testator
and the deponents further say that at the said time

When the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time that the defendant signed his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Robert A. Murray was of sound mind and memory of full age & excellent - a man and was not under any restraint or knowledge, information or belief of this defendant - and for this the defendant says not -

Signed J. H. Moore

" " " M. L. Kilem

Subscribed before me this 19th day of May 1876

J. D. Reed

Judge Probate

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County

In the Probate Court
May 19th A.D. 1876

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert A. Murray Deceased is exhibited for probate by J. J. Murray Executor thereof in name; and the due execution thereof, by the said Robert A. Murray, is proved by the oath and examination of J. H. Moore and M. L. Kilem the subscribing witnesses thereto; it is therefore considered by the court - and is hereby so certified that the said paper purporting and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Robert A. Murray, and the same is ordered to be read and filed together with this certificate, and thereupon the said Amos J. Murray executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking and subscribing the oath required by law

J. D. Reed

Judge of Probate

Being fully persuaded that life is ever uncertain to all even in good health and now that I am seriously attacked by disease I deem it prudent to make such disposition of my property as by natural affection will meet my wishes while living being fully possessed of mind and reason make this my last will and testament.

In the first place, I wish my brother Alfred, at my death, to dispose of enough of my personal effects, to pay all expenses incurred while sick and a debt of about fifty dollars due Beaman Rankin and the remainder if any to apply to his own benefit. I also will and signeth to my brother Alfred B. Chunn my undivided interest (being a joint owner with himself) in a tract of land upon which I am now living, known as the Henderson land containing one hundred and nine acres more or less. I have and to hold to his use for life.

In testimony of this my last will and testament I subscribe my name and seal

Attest M. L. Taylor

A. B. Chunn

This 13th of April 1876

(Signed) J. S. Chunn

Buncombe County

In the Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph S. Chunn Deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by A. B. Chunn the one execution thereof by the said Joseph S. Chunn. By the oath and examination of M. L. Taylor and of A. B. Chunn the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn depose and sayeth that he is a subscribing witness to the paper purporting now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of J. S. Chunn Deceased that the said J. S. Chunn in the presence of these defendants subscribed his name at the end of said paper purporting which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date the 13th day of April 1876 (and in the presence of aforesaid A. B. Chunn acknowledged his signature to the said paper purporting