

I purchased of Elizabeth M<sup>d</sup> Daniel & her son William  
& bequeath to my beloved wife all my household & kitchen  
furniture and all the stock upon the farm of every description  
to her her executors & assigns forever to dispose of as she  
may deem best. I bequeath to my grandchildren  
Walter W Ray and Alfred A Ray five hundred dollars  
each to be paid to them when they arrive at the age  
of twenty one years. by my executors.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October A D 1868.

signed & sealed in the presence of us.

J. L. Bailey  
Wm. R. Young.

I Geo. C. Alexander do make this codicil to be taken as part of my  
last will and testament as follows that is to say whereas  
I had by will given to my son George C. Alexander now I  
do hereby revoke and make void part of said will or testament  
& hereby bequeath to my two daughters Selina & Rhoda  
part of the land that I gave to my son Geo. C. Alexander  
that is beginning on a person at the mouth of  
the lane on the bank of the river running with the  
lane to a rock near the spring house thence a Western  
line to a small stream in the corner of the house  
lot then a due south line to the line that divides  
the land that I gave to my son George C. Alexander  
and my own land thence with that line to a white oak  
Bakers corner on the foot of the pine mountain embracing  
all the land between that line and the land that I  
gave to my son G. C. Alexander family some sixty acres more  
or less this land to be equally divided between my two  
daughters Selina and Rhoda which I bequeath to them.  
I also bequeath to my daughter ~~Selina~~ Sophronia my Walnut  
side board and six common chairs and large looking glass  
& table I also bequeath to my daughter Selina my cherry side  
board one set cane bottom chairs one arm chair one small  
table I also bequeath to my daughter Rhoda my cherry  
Bureau and six red painted chairs, crooked & small table  
I also bequeath to my son George my desk and book case  
and the fallows of the chairs and the spring wagon  
and I also give my daughter Sophronia my buggy.

to be sold and divided equally with all the children  
I also allow all my property to remain in possession of my wife  
as long as she lives and what remains to be divided as directed  
in my will whereof I have set my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
April A D 1877.  
Geo. C. Alexander  
attest W. R. Young.

State of North Carolina } SS in the Probate Court  
Buncombe County }  
I G. N. Alexander & W. Alexander do solemnly swear or  
(affirm) that I believe this writing to be and contain the last  
will and testament of George C. Alexander 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, or the law will  
charge me; 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.  
sworn and subscribed before me. G. N. Alexander  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1880.

E. W. Herndon  
Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court  
Buncombe County }  
In the matter of the will  
of Robert J. Taylor

Thomas J. Gillespie being duly sworn doth say that  
Robert J. Taylor late of said County is dead having first  
published his last will and testament and that he  
Thomas J. Gillespie is one of the legates named in the  
will of the said Robert J. Taylor. Further that the  
value of said property of said estate at the date of this  
application is no more than about six hundred Dollars so far  
as can be ascertained at the date of this application  
and further that there is no executor named in his  
last will. That Thomas J. Gillespie Mary E. Gillespie Laura  
& Gillespie Lou J. Gudgeon and Elizabeth Gillespie

are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property sworn to and subscribed before me this the day 1881

E. W. Herndon  
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina }  
Bancombe County } In the Magistrate Court

A paper purporting to be the last Will and testament of Robert J. Taylor deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace for said County no executor being named or therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Robert J. Taylor by the oath & examination of John D. Gillespie & B. G. Gudgeon the subscribing witnesses who being duly sworn, doth depose and swear for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert J. Taylor that the said Robert J. Taylor in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the Eight day of June 1876, And the deponent further saith that the said Robert J. Taylor 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 time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said Robert J. Taylor was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information & belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say with

John D. Gillespie  
B. G. Gudgeon

sworn and subscribed this 11 day of February 1881 before me  
E. W. Herndon

Will

Burcombe County State of N. C.  
Know all men by these presents that I Robert J. Taylor being in my right mind do make this my last will and testament viz: I hereby bequeath give and grant all the land & real estate I may be possessed of unto my Brother Thomas J. Gillespie & sisters Mary E. Gillespie Laura J. Gillespie to be divided equally between these three upon this condition that these three Thomas J. Gillespie & Mary E. Gillespie Laura J. Gillespie pay to my sister Lou J. Gudgeon or her heirs the sum of ten dollars or there one third dollar apiece I do further bequeath all my personal property whatsoever it may be to my Mother Elizabeth Gillespie she first paying all my just liabilities out of the same the over plus to be hers. made and signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1876  
attest  
John D. Gillespie  
B. G. Gudgeon  
Witnesses signed in my presence  
R. J. Taylor

North Carolina } Probate Court  
Bancombe County }  
To the Honorable the Probate Judge of Bancombe County  
The application of Mrs J. E. Hawley the executrix named in the last Will & testament of Levi Hawley decd respectfully shews to the court the following  
I That Levi Hawley late of the County & State aforesaid died sometime during the month of February 1881 leaving a last Will & Testament (which is herewith filed with the applicant & John V. Hawley as Executors & Executor of the same  
II That the value of the testator's property as near as the applicant can tell at the date of this application is about Six Thousand Dollars & consists of the house & lot on which I now live the farm on the Mountain household & kitchen furniture &c &c  
III That the names & residences of those entitled as heirs & distributees of said estate are your applicant Mrs Annette Banks Wife Mary J. Hawley residence of Bancombe County N. C. and John V. Hawley a resident of Antioch State of