

State of North Carolina, in the Superior Court,
Beckham County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of William McBrayer, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Court for said County, by W.C. Fortune, and the same execution thereof by the said William McBrayer by the oath and examination of W.C. Fortune and J. E. Reed, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and said that he is subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of William McBrayer, that the said William McBrayer in this do beneath, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 26th day of August 1877, and this do beneath further sayeth that the said William McBrayer the testator aforesaid, died at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declared the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and that do beneath did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto. And at the request came and was in the presence of of the said testator. And this do beneath further sayeth that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid, and at the time of do beneath subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said William McBrayer was of sound mind and memory, of free age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this do beneath.

W.C. Fortune, Clerk
J.E. Reed, Clerk

Seemingly sworn and subscribed this 22nd day
of Oct. 1877
W.F. Reynolds, C.P.C.

State of North Carolina, Newcombe County
April 12th 1886.

I, Silas James, of the County and State aforesaid, being over in my fifty seventh year, and knowing in the course of nature must soon leave the works of men, I therefore make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, viz:
I will and desire that after my death my body be decently buried in the Turkey Creek Grave Yard near the place where my wife is buried, there is if I die in this part of the County. I also will and desire that all my just debts be paid, and I desire that my effects or my property and estate be divided as follows: 1st The land which I have deeded to my son John who is the son of my last wife, I desire that title shall stand. The land which I have deeded to my daughter Allie, which is the daughter of my last wife, I desire that title shall stand. The land which I have deeded to my son Thomas, who is the youngest son of my last wife, I desire that that title shall stand. I desire that my property and effects be disposed of as follows: I desire first that my wife, if she ~~has~~ lives longer than I do, to have all my property, monies and effects with which to raise the children, to her use as long as she lives to make her comfortable. At her death, it is my will that whatever is left of my said estate is to be divided equally among my last wife's other children, which are minors, and to carry out this will I desire that Adolphus Hardwick be my Executor of this my last will and testament, and this I desire because I feel that I have a sound mind and after mature deliberation, and hope that all my children will be satisfied.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, this day and year above written.
Silas James

Attest:
J.W. Anderson
B.A. Lomax

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Beaufort County.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Silas James, deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, clerk of the Court of said County, by William Redburn and the due execution thereof by the said Silas James, by the oath and examination of B. A. Looman and J. W. Auderson, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Silas James; that the said Silas James, 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 12th day of April 1886.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Silas James, the testator aforesaid, died at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declared the said paper writing as 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 the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Silas James 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 this deponent says with

B. A. Looman
J. W. Auderson

Solemnly sworn and subscribed this 25th day of May 1887, before me
W. T. Reynolds, C. J.

Edoos Young, of Beaufort County and State of North Carolina of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, to wit.

I do hereby give and bequeath to my grand son James Young that piece or lot of land lying and being in my wpper tract, adjoining land of the late Peter Miller and Lewis Sniggleton, known as lot No. 1, containing 140 rods, beginning at a stake in the Peter Miller line and runs N 88° 15' poles to a stake, thence S 2 west 10 poles to a stake, thence S 88° 15' poles, thence North 20 West 10 poles to the beginning.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the heirs of dead daughter Caroline Love that piece or lot of land adjoining the above known as lot No. 2, containing 140 rods. Beginning at a stake Jesse Young's corner and runs N 88° 15' poles to a stake, thence S 20 W 10 poles, thence S 88° E 15 poles, thence N. 20 W 10 poles to the beginning. I do hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Violet Looman that piece or lot of land known as No. 3 containing 140 rods, beginning at a stake Hein of Caroline Love's corner, and runs N 88 W 15 poles, thence S 20 W 10 poles, thence S 88 W 15 poles, thence N. 20 W 10 poles to the beginning corner.

I do hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Matilda, having that piece or parcel of land in my lower tract adjoining land of William Otter, and known as No. 4, containing 140 rods, beginning at a stake Violet Looman's corner and S 88° 15' poles to a stake on Gully, and thence with the gully S 66° 13' poles, thence East 7 poles - thence S 8° 1/2 poles to a stake, thence West 9 poles 7 links to a stake, thence N 20 N 14 poles 20 links to the beginning.

I do hereby give and bequeath to my son William Young that piece or lot of land known as No. 5, adjoining the above, containing 85 poles rods. Beginning at a stake Matilda Young's corner and runs East 9 poles 7 links to a stake, thence S 8° 1/2 14 poles 7 links to the Haywood