

State of North Carolina }
 Buncombe County } Know all men by these
 presents, that J. M. S. Erwin, arm in good health
 and of a sound mind, and in the presence
 of these witnesses, this indenture made this the first
 day of May, in the year of Lord one thousand
 eight hundred & sixty eight between W. J. Erwin
 and the heirs of W. J. Erwin, of the state, and county fore-
 said, that J. M. S. Erwin, do by these presents grant
 will, and bequeath, unto the heirs of W. J. Erwin
 all my tract of land, lying, & being in the county of
 Buncombe, on the west side of the French Broad river,
 on the waters of Newfound, on the Round-Hill branch
 containing three hundred and fifty acres, more or less,
 said land is bounded, as follows; beginning on a post oak
 in the speculation line, thence south twenty five poles
 to a white oak. E. E. Triplett's corner, thence E. 4 S. Eighty four
 poles, to a hickory, thence N. 76. E. side. Plus to three smaller
 black oak, thence E. 93. S. one hundred, and twenty six
 poles to a black oak, thence 30. W. forty poles to a black oak
 thence S. 60 W. 22. poles to a black oak, thence S. 45 W. twelve
 poles & a half to a hickory, thence south 12 1/2 poles
 to ^{four} ~~three~~ ^{four} poles, on the top of the mountain, between thence
 south to a pine the conditional line between J. V. Cole
 and W. J. Erwin, on the top of later hill mountain,
 thence two hundred poles following the top of the mountain
 to a white oak, thence north one hundred poles to a stake
 in J. M. Ratcliff's line and in the speculation line
 thence west 30 poles to a ash stump, thence N. 65 W.
 twelve poles, to a white oak, thence N. 80. W. thirty three
 poles to a low-wood, thence N. 55. W. twenty 3 1/2 poles
 to a black oak, thence west ~~with~~ said J. M. Ratcliff's
 line 60 poles to a white oak, and Spanish oak corner J. M.
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 ever nature or kind, arising from the above
 specified land unto the said heirs of W. J. Erwin,
 do warrant the title, and forever defend all
 claims unto the said heirs of W. J. Erwin

Signed, sealed and in presence of these witnesses,
 the date & year first above written,
 The said W. J. Erwin, persons all the benefits
 of the said farm for his own use during his
 life, with all the house ~~and~~ hold furniture, and
 all the stock hogs, and cattle sheep &c.

Wit-
 E. L. Triplett

W. J. Erwin *seal*

Wm. J. Ratcliff

State of North Carolina
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In the Probate Court

The Execution of the within will was this 5th day
 of November 1869: duly acknowledged before the
 undersigned Judge of Probate by W. J. Erwin the
 maker thereof, to be his act and deed for the purposes therein
 named and at his request it is entered on
 the will docket of this Court, he declaring it
 to be his Last will and Testament.

J. B. Reed

Probate Judge

North Carolina } In the Probate Court.

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To J. B. Reed Probate Judge for the County afore said. The under-
 signed applies to have the last will and testament of B. J. Curtis
 duly admitted to probate, and shows;

1st That B. J. Curtis, a citizen of Buncombe County is dead that he
 died on the 23rd February 1870

2nd That he left a last will, and testament, and appointed

the undersigned his executor, 3rd That the value of the said B. J. Curtis
 property, amounts to the best information and belief of the under-
 signed, Two thousand dollars of which \$1200⁰⁰ is real estate
 & \$800⁰⁰ personal property consisting of mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, and
 farming tools, house-hold, and kitchen furniture, and money on hand
 The names and residences of all the parties interested in the testators
 property, as follows: Susan Curtis, widow, W. H. Curtis, Julia E. Young
 wife of S. F. Young Julia A. Brown wife of W. D. Brown, Jane
 Miller wife of William Miller, & Mary E. Curtis, Elizabeth E. Curtis
 George B. Curtis & M. Curtis Julia E. W. F. & and that all of said parties
 reside in Buncombe County Susan M. Curtis, & Julia E. McFee are
 minors, under the age of 21 years. Susan M. Curtis, has no guardian
 & W. Curtis is Guardian, for Julia E. McFee.

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