

the last Will and Testament of J. A. Woodcock 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.

Julia C. Woodcock
Sworn and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of September 1889.
W. V. Reynolds C.S.C.

In the Matter of the } Before
Administration of the Estate of } W. V. Reynolds C.S.C.
J. A. Woodcock dec'd }
That Julia C. Woodcock, being sworn doth say:
That J. A. Woodcock late of said county
is dead leaving Will and Testament, and
affiant Julia C. Woodcock an emulsion or
legitimate executor herein King - Julia C. Woodcock.
Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 3rd day of Sept 1889
W. V. Reynolds C.S.C.

(See page 588 for Order of Probate J. A. Woodcock estate)

North Carolina
Pamlico County

Be it Remembered that on the Thirtieth first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and fortyone I W. Brittain of the County of Pamlico in the State of North Carolina, knowing the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of life and being now of reasonable health but my mind and memory somewhat impaired by infirmity & old age,

But knowing that life is the time to prepare for death and eternity I this day make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament which is as follows To wit, 1st it is my will & desire that my body should be decently buried in my own burying ground near my two children which is gone before me my body to the dust & my soul to God, is my desire and hope

2nd As to my debts thank God I owe none but good will & shall therefore give my executors no trouble on that account

3rd It is my will and desire that my daughter Jane Swain & my youngest son George W. Brittain have all my land where I now live containing three hundred acres more or less which they shall and may enjoy and occupy as joint tenants or divide at their pleasure so as to be equal with all my present stock of every kind consisting of two head horse beds, twentyfive head cattle, twentyone head of hogs, and thirtytwo head of sheep with all the increase of each kind of stock, with all my stock of tools & furniture the right of all I each shall be vested in the aforesaid Jane Swain and Geo. W. Brittain to do & dispose of at their own will and pleasure, with all my household & kitchen furniture & all other of my property which I now possess not herein named to be equally divided between them as they may please.

Provided, that, my said daughter Jane Swain & my son Geo. W. Brittain doth maintain me and my wife decently & comfortably during our lifetimes, as would become dutiful children & further comply with all the Requisitions of this my last will & Testament, or the same shall be void and of no effect.

4th It is my desire that my daughter Jane Swain & my son Geo. W. Brittain should have and possess from this time all of the Estate & property equal between them as mentioned in the 3rd item by their paying to the rest of my children

The following sums of money, to wit,
To the heirs of my son Josiah Brittain dec'd
the sum of five dollars, to Josh Brittain
five dollars, to the heirs of my son
A. Brittain dec'd five dollars, to my
daughter Elizabeth Pickins, one hundred
dollars which is to include what she
has already rec'd from me by her husband
J^m Pickins & to my daughter Rachel Roberts
one hundred dollars including the sum she
has already rec'd from me by her husband
James Roberts.

3th It is my desire that the above sums of money
should be paid to the persons therein named
by my daughter Jane Swain & my son Geo. W. Brittain
equally to the different persons above named.
6th I further my will that my daughter Jane
Swain & my son Geo. W. Brittain should have
my wagon, Packsmith & farming tools of all sorts
equally between them.

7th It is my will & desire that my children should
live in peace and harmony with each other
& that they would ~~have~~ ^{live} with each other ~~even~~
& petition their maker to guide them
respectfully in the paths of duty towards each
other & all their fellow mortals on earth
& especially their duty to God in this unfriendly
world so that they may all be fit subjects
for his kingdom above. Amen.

8th It is my will & desire that I hereby constitute
and ordain my worthy friend Nehemiah
Blackstocke sole executor to this my last
will & Testament with full power & authority
to execute the same according to law in
testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal.

William Brittain

Signed & acknowledged
& published in the presence
of us. Moses White
N. Blackstocke

State of North Carolina } Superior Court
Buncombe County

A paper writing purporting to be the last
Will & Testament of William Brittain, deceased
is exhibited for probate in open Court before me
by Goodson M. Roberts; and it is thereupon proved
by the oath and examination of Rachel Roberts that
William Brittain the testator therein and N.
Blackstocke one of the subscribing witnesses
therein are dead; and it is also proved by the oath
and examination of A. F. Summey that Moses
White the other subscribing witness therein and
said N. Blackstocke are dead. And it is further
proven by the oath and examination of the said
Rachel Roberts that she is well acquainted
with the respective hand writings of the said
William Brittain and N. Blackstocke, having
often seen them write, and that the name of
the said William Brittain subscribed to said
last Will and Testament as testator therein and
the name of N. Blackstocke subscribed is a
witness thereto, are in the respective handwriting
of the said William Brittain and N. Blackstocke
and genuine; and it is also proved by the
oath and examination of A. F. Summey
that he is well acquainted with the hand
writing of the said Moses White and with the
handwriting of the said N. Blackstocke, having
often seen them write, and that the names
of the said Moses White and N. Blackstocke
subscribed as witnesses to the said last will
and testament are in the respective hand
writings of the said Moses White and N. Blackstocke.

A. F. Summey

Rachel Roberts

It is therefore considered and adjudged that the
said paper writing and every part thereof, is the
last will and testament of the said William
Brittain and the same is ordered and filed
This September 2nd A.D. 1857.
J. R. Reynolds.
Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County.