

we it manifest that at a Court of pleas and
quarrelsome opened and held for the County of
Buncombe at the Court house in Asheville on the first
Monday in July (Ann) Bonini one thousand and eight
hundred and thirty two. the following will was
duly proved in open Court & Record

The last will and testament of William Nelson

William Nelson of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina
do make and ordain this my last and testament as follows
I Give and bequeath unto my son Charles B. Nelson and his wife Celia for
during their natural life for the purpose of support and by the
profits thereof educating their joint children and thereafter to their said
joint children and their heirs and assigns forever all that lot
of land known as the said Charles B. Nelson now lives, being
one fourth part of my tract of land in the County of Hardin
and State of Tennessee, except four hundred acres of said lot of
land conveyed by me to said Charles B. Nelson & his wife Celia
for the purpose of settling and the said fourth part of land
for the benefit of themselves and their children; the whole
of said purchased land having survived and divided into 4 lots
Numbered one, two, three and four 12 Sept. 1833 by Arthur Miller each
lot containing 1330 acres of land more or less.

I give and devise bequeath to my son Archibald Nelson & his heirs another
lot of land on Holochucky River in Hardin County in State of Tennessee
whereon he now lives containing 640 acres more or less

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Nelson and my grand
son Green H. Cepna and their respective heirs and assigns, bounded
on one side by lot 1. & conveyed to Charles Ready & Joseph Strong & on
the opposite side by lot 2 & 3. Conveyed to George Gilchrist. Lot 1003.
of said Hardin County tract of land containing 1330 acres of
land more or less to be equally divided between said Sarah
Nelson and Green H. Cepna

I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Sarah Nelson her
heirs and assigns all that part of the tract of land whereon
I now live to be cut off from the lower end of said tract. Beginning
corner at a Spring at the lower edge of French Broad River back
nearby Daniel Madisons running from thence a direct course
to my back line of said tract where it crosses Williams and
branch thence with said back line coming to the tract of
whereon Mr. Runkling lives thence with the certain lines of said
tract to a walnut tree on the bank of the River the lower end
of my said tract thence with the meander of the River to

(William Nelson will continued)

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Nelson my share of stock five hundred dollars in the Burcombe Turn Pike Company, and all the negroes that I own

on the day of my death. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Nelson one half of all my household furniture, half of all my live stock, half of all my moveable property whatever I may own at my death.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane and her husband James R. Garth for and during their natural lives the purpose of raising and educating, supporting and educating their mutual children & thereafter to their children & their heirs and assigns for ever; after being ~~more~~ equally divided amongst ^{the} children.

All the tract of land whereon I now live comprehending all the property I own in Burcombe County (except that part in the lower end of said tract comprehending twenty acres already given and bequeathed to my daughter Sarah Nelson) I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter Jane & her husband James R. Garth all the remainder of my property that is not otherwise devised; out of the money I have on hand and ~~money~~ debts due to me my paid expenses to be off and my debts (if any) I may at the time of my death owe. And I do hereby make and ordain William

Dickson, Doctor Alexander Williams, and Archibald Nelson my son all of Guilf. & Co George Gilaspie of Rich County Tennessee or any of them Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said William Nelson have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the 28th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Nelson as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof

William Nelson (seal)

Test Alexander Williams
Thos. J. Gilaspie

Was duly proved in open Court as mentioned in the Certificate thereto appended and Recorded -

Archibald Nelson one of the Executors therein mentioned came into open Court and was duly ^{sworn} in open Court as such Executor and as required by the Court