

In the name of God Amen

I William R. Reed, of the County of Buncombe in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life so therefore make ordain ~~and~~ publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

First that my Executor (herein after named) shall provide for my Body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my Relations and Friends and pay all funeral Expenses, to gether with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into his hands

Second I give devise & bequeath to to my beloved wife Mary all my estate Real and personal and mixed debts and Chases in actions to be her absolute Property, and under her controul and for her use and benefit during her Widowhood.

Should my said Wife Mary marry after my death then and in that event I will devise and bequeath that the whole of my Estate Real Personal mixed debts and Chases in action shall be the absolute property in fee simple of my six children begot of the Body of my wife Mary and the said Property on the Marriage of my said wife to pass under the care of and controul of the Guardian (herein after named) of my said children for their benefit and proper use and behoof of my said children

Third I hereby constitute and appoint my Trusty Brother James E. Reed of Buncombe County State of North Carolina to be guardian in Law and in fact of my six children

Fourth I hereby constitute and nominate and appoint my Trusty Brother Joseph Reed Executor of this my Last will and Testament

Fifth I hereby Revoke any and all other wills and Testaments or codicils heretofore made declared or published by me

In Testimony where of the said William R. Reed aforesaid have on this 21st day of August anno domini 1868 hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who have subscribed as witnesses in my presence and at my request and in the presence of each other

Signed sealed & published in the presence of us & declared by the said William R. Reed to be his last Will & Testament and at his request and in his presence & in the presence of each other the subscribers are named as witnesses, thus.

D. C. Stephenson attest

J. C. Stephenson attest

W. R. Reed (seal)

Buncombe County in the Probate Court.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of William R. Reed deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County Joseph Reed the Executor therein named and the said Executors thereof by the said William R. Reed by the oath & examination of D. C. Stephenson and of J. C. Stephenson. The subscribing witnesses and each for himself depone and say that

that he is a subscribing witness to the paper bearing
 now shown him purporting to be the last Will and
 Testament of William R Reed that the said William R
 Reed 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 on
 the 31st day of August 1868, (or said in the presence
 of this deponent acknowledged the signing the said
 paper writing)

Since the deponent further saith that the said William
 R. Reed the Testator aforesaid died 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 sub-
 scribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting
 witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence
 of said Testator, and this deponent further saith
 that at the said time of the deponent's subscribing
 name as an attesting witness thereto, and the
 said William R Reed 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 these deponents say not.

Servantly sworn and
 subscribed this 25th day of
 June 1869. before me

J. C. Reed
 Jus. of Probate

D. C. Stephenson
 H. J. Stephens on

In the Name of God Amen.

I Jesse R. Weaver, of the State of
 the State of North Carolina, and County
 of Buncombe in view of the uncertainty
 of life, and the certainty of death,
 and my present legal surrounding
 fell it my duty to make some distri-
 bution of my estate, both personal & real,
 with which a gracious God has surrounded
 me, and being of sound & disposing
 mind & memory. I do ordain publish
 and declare this the following, my last
 Will, and Testament

Item 1st I commit my soul to a kind and
 gracious God, who gave it, and my body
 to the Lord, to mingle with the dust
 untill the great resurrection day.

Item 2nd It is my will and desire, that my
 body have a plain and decent burial,
 with a plain marble slab, at the head,
 with the date of birth and death on it.

Item 3rd It is my will and desire, that my
 Executors, (hereinafter named) proceed
 immediately after my death, to pay
 all my just debts, and to enable them
 so to do. I want them first to collect
 what they can, of my friends and
 debts, and then sell my Tennessee
 Land, and my farm at the fork of
 Flat Creek, in this County.

Item 4th It is my will and desire, that the two
 divisions of my Old Farm, which are
 now divided by deed to the next two of my
 sons, who may live to arrive to the
 age of twenty one years, the one who first
 attains that age, to have choice of tracts.

Item 5th It is my will and desire, that my wife
 Julia Ann remain in possession
 and contrall of the farm we now
 live on as her dower, during her
 natural life, or widowhood, And enable
 her to be able to raise and educate the