

I know all men that I Sancy  
Runnels be in my wright mind I do  
this being the, 14, day of March in the year  
of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty nine  
I will my track of land to my youngest Brother  
Jesse Crosses the said track lying upon  
the walnut mountain the said track of land  
containing ninety one <sup>(acres)</sup> and the said Jesse Crosses  
is to make all payments and demands against  
the estate for the said land this being my  
last will and testament where I fix my hand  
to said Jesse Crosses and his heirs and assigns  
for ever this being the year and date  
above mention where I set my hand and  
seal

test Peter <sup>his</sup> Sancy

test Wm Swafford

Sancy Runnels  
mark

Sworn to before me  
by the Subscribing Parties  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 1869

J. D. Levine  
Judge of Probate



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, } ss. In the Probate Court.  
*Burke* COUNTY,

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of *Nancy Reynolds*  
 deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of  
 Probate for said county, by *Emanuel Denton*  
 administrator with the will annexed  
 the execut~~er~~ therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said *Nancy*  
*Reynolds* by the oath and examination of *William Safford*  
*Safford & Joshua C. Chapman Peter Sarg* the subscribing  
 witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth  
 and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to  
 be the last Will and Testament of *Nancy Reynolds* That the said  
*Nancy Reynolds* in the presence of this deponent subscribed <sup>her</sup> his  
 name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of  
 the *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 18 *69*.

And the deponent further saith, That the said *Nancy Reynolds*  
<sup>testatrix</sup> the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing  
<sup>her</sup> his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by <sup>her</sup> him, and exhibited, to be  
<sup>her</sup> 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 tes-  
 tator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said <sup>testatrix</sup> testator subscribed  
<sup>her</sup> 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 *Nancy Reynolds*  
 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.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the  
 presence of

*A. D. Lewis*  
 Probate Judge.

*Wm. Safford* [SEAL.]  
*Peter Sarg* [SEAL.]  
*mark* [SEAL.]



# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Burke COUNTY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we Manuel Denton  
as pt. and

are held and firmly bound unto the State of North Carolina, in the sum of Four Hundred  
(8400<sup>00</sup>) dollars, (Double the amount of all the property, real and personal of the deceased,) to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, our executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.

Sealed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1869.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Manuel Denton administrator of Mary Reynolds with the will annexed deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory, and account of sales of all the real estate, and all the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the deceased, which have or shall come to his possession or knowledge, and the same do exhibit into the Probate Court of said County within three months after the date hereof, and do well and truly administer according to law, all the goods, chattels, rights and credits of said deceased, and the proceeds of all her real estate, that may be sold for the payment of the debts of said deceased, which shall at any time come to the possession of the said Administrator, or to the possession of any other person for him and further do make a true and just account of said administration within two years after the date hereof, and all the rest and residue of the said proceeds of real estate, goods, chattels and credits, which shall be found remaining upon his account, (the same being first examined and allowed by the Judge of Probate) shall deliver and pay to such person, as the same shall be due unto; and shall obey all lawful orders of the said Probate, or other Court, touching the administration of the estate committed to him, and shall faithfully execute the trust reposed in him as such Administrator according to law, then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of

J. D. Crain  
Probate Judge.

[SEAL.]

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*Burke*

County:—In the Probate Court.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

To all whom these Presents shall Come—Greeting:

It being satisfactorily proven to the Undersigned, Judge of Probate for

*Burke*

County, that *Henry Rynders*

late of said County, is dead, ~~without~~ having made and published ~~any~~<sup>a</sup> last

Will and Testament, and it appearing that *Emanuel Deenton*

is entitled to the administration of the estate of said deceased, and having

qualified as Administrator, according to law: *With the will annexed*

Now, these are therefore to empower the said Administrator to enter in and upon, all and singular, the goods and chattles, rights and credits, of said deceased, and the same to take into possession, wheresoever to be found, and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay and satisfy, and the residue of said estate to distribute according to law.

Witness, my hand, and the seal of said Court, this

*10<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 186*7*.

*A. W. Swain*,

Probate Judge.

§477.—Every executor, administrator, collector and guardian shall, within three months after his qualification or appointment, make return on oath to the Judge of Probate, of all the estate in his hands or received by him up to that time: but such time may be extended by the Probate Judge, on good cause shown, not exceeding six months.

§478.—Every executor, administrator, collector and guardian shall, within twelve months from date of his qualification or appointment, and annually, so long as any of the estate remains in his control, file in the office of the Judge of Probate, an inventory and account, under oath, of the amount of property received by him, or invested by him and the manner and nature of such investment, and his receipts and disbursements for the past year in the form of debit and credit. He must produce vouchers, which must be filed with the Judge of Probate, for all payments. The Judge of Probate may examine on oath, such accounting party, or any other person, concerning the receipts, disbursements or any other matter relating to the estate; and, having carefully revised and audited such account, if he approve the same, he must endorse his approval thereon, which shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence of correctness.—Code of Civil Procedure, Sections 477, 478.



*Burke*

County:—In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the Will of  
*Nancy Reynolds*

} Before *J. D. Swain*

Probate Judge.

being sworn doth say :

That *Nancy Reynolds*, late of said County, is dead, having  
first made and published <sup>her</sup> ~~his~~ last Will and Testament; and that  
*Emanuel Denton* <sup>son</sup> is the ~~Executor~~ named therein, ~~with the will~~  
~~annexed~~.

Further, that the property of the said *Nancy Reynolds*  
consisting of *one tract of land containing sixty one acres*  
is worth about \$ *200.00*, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this  
application; and that *Jesse Morse*

*is* ~~are~~ <sup>party</sup> ~~the parties~~ entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, )  
this *10* day of *Apr* 186*7*. )

*J. D. Swain*

Probate Judge.



State of North Carolina, } ss In the Probate Court.  
Burke COUNTY.

I, Emma B. Benton do solemnly swear (or affirm)  
that I believe Nancy Reynolds, died <sup>a</sup>without leaving ~~any~~  
last Will and Testament; and that I will well and truly administer all and singular the goods  
and chattels rights, and credits of the said Nancy Reynolds  
and a true and perfect inventory thereof returned by law; and all other duties apper-  
taining to the charge reposed in me, I will faithfully and honestly perform with the best of my  
skill and ability; so help me God.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov: into the full annexed,  
day of Sept 18 69  
T. V. Levin  
Probate Judge.