

Last Will & Testament of John B. Ervin, Decd.

October 18th 1888.

In the name of God. Amen.

Know all men by these presents That I John B. Ervin being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament I give and bequeath to my wife Martha & Dohy L. Ervin my daughter all my personal property & real Estate after my just debts have been paid their life time & then to my Dohy L. Ervin Son Washington. If alive if he is not alive then it goes to Ephrem Ervin being children my real Estate lies on the North side of the Sherrill ford Road joining lands with Lewis Edwards, B. W. Jones & others containing (50) Fifty acres more or less.

I give to Ephrem L. Ervin my son herebefore eighty five Acres of land & a horse.

I hold a note of fifty one Dollars & some cence I gave Ephrem L. Ervin I give that note to him also give to Dohy L. Ervin money & notes & loose plunder to dispose of as she thinks best. This October the 18th 1888.

Witness my hand & seal.

J. B. Ervin (Seal)

Test
J. F. Jones
E. H. Jones

Probate.

State of North Carolina }
Catawba County. } In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of John B. Ervin deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of Court for said County by E. L. Ervin the executor therein mentioned. At the due execution thereof by the said John B. Ervin by the oath and examination of J. F. Jones and E. H. Jones, the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly sworn, both depose and say, each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of John B. Ervin; that the said John B. Ervin, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing now shown him as aforesaid, and which bears the date of the 18th day of Oct. 1888.

And the deponent further saith, that the said John B. Ervin, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him & exhibited, to be his Last Will & Testament, & this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, & at the request & the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said John B. Ervin was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information & belief of this deponent: And further these deponents say not.

E. H. Jones
J. F. Jones

Severally swornⁱⁿ subscribed this
9th day of Mar. 1892. before me,

J. F. Herman.
J. F.