

I John Lunsford of the county of Cherokee and State of North Carolina being weak in body and sound of mind make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: if my wife Sintha Lunsford surviving me I give devise and bequeath unto her my Home place known as Halkins Land except that parcel conveyed to J. M. Lunsford and wife also I give devise and bequeath unto her all household and kitchen furniture also my team Wagon and horses farming implements all cattle hogs and sheep that I may own at my death I also give devise and bequeath that my wife Sintha Lunsford have three hundred Dollars in money placed in the Bank to her credit by my Executors and after her death the above named is to be divided equally between my first named heirs  
 Lawson Lunsford  
 G. W. Lunsford  
 Oscar Lunsford  
 Esco Lunsford  
 E. M. Lunsford  
 Neil Lunsford  
 also my two Daughters Emma Leford and Doise Adams  
 I also give devise bequeath to the above named heirs the following described Land part of tract 942 containing one hundred and thirty four acres more or less known as Whitaker Land also grant No 11249 six acres more or less forming the same also 50 acres known as Egg Newman Land all my money I may have after my death or paid is to be divided between said heirs after my death  
 I give devise unto the heirs of my

Son J. M. Lunsford, three dollars

Daughter unto the heirs of my Daughter Mary Thompson dect \$3. Dollars unto the heirs of my son H. R. Lunsford dect \$3  
 I appoint my two sons G. W. Lunsford and Esco Lunsford as my Executors of my last will. Where unto I set my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1922 in the presence of as an evidence of good faith  
 I sign with my husband  
 attest  
 John Lunsford

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court,  
 County of Cherokee.

Esco Lunsford, being first duly sworn, says that he was well acquainted with John Lunsford, who is now dead, that the said John Lunsford made a last will and testament, and that the said John Lunsford lodged in the hands of affiant for safe keeping said last will, <sup>which said last will</sup> so lodged with affiant is dated December the 18<sup>th</sup>, 1922, which said will is hereto attached.

Esco Lunsford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22nd day of October, 1923.

E. C. Davis

Clerk Superior Court of Cherokee County, North Carolina.

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court,  
 County of Cherokee.

Dewitt Kinsey, being first duly sworn, says that he is a resident of the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina, that he was well acquainted with John Lunsford who is now dead, and affiant further states that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said

John Lunsford, having often seen him write, and that he verily believes that the name of the said John Lunsford subscribed to the paper writing this day exhibited in court, purporting to be the will of the said John Lunsford and bearing date of December the 18th, 1922, and affiant further states that the said will itself and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said John Lunsford, and affiant further states that he believes said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John Lunsford. That the handwriting of the said John Lunsford is generally known to the acquaintances of the said John Lunsford.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd day of October, 1923.

Dewitt Himsy  
E. E. Davis  
Clerk Superior Court of Cherokee  
County, North Carolina.

State of North Carolina. In the Superior Court.  
County of Cherokee.

J. H. Abernathy, being first duly sworn says that he is a resident of the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina. That he was well acquainted with John Lunsford who is now dead, and affiant further states that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said John Lunsford, having often seen him write, and that he verily believes that the name of the said John Lunsford subscribed to the paper writing this day exhibited in court, purporting to be the will of the said John Lunsford and bearing

of December the 18th, 1922, and affiant further states that the said will itself and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said John Lunsford, and affiant further states that the said will itself he believes said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John Lunsford. That the handwriting of the said John Lunsford is generally known to the acquaintances of the said John Lunsford.

J. H. Abernathy  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd day of October, 1923.

E. E. Davis  
Clerk Superior Court of Cherokee  
County, North Carolina.

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court.  
County of Cherokee.

N. W. Abernathy, being first duly sworn says that he is a resident of the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina; That he was well acquainted with John Lunsford who is now dead, and affiant further states that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said John Lunsford, having often seen him write, and that he verily believes that the name of the said John Lunsford subscribed to the paper writing this day exhibited in court, purporting to be the will of the said John Lunsford and bearing date of December the 18th, 1922, and affiant further states that the said will itself and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said John Lunsford, and affiant further states that he believes said paper writing and



part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John Lunsford. That the handwriting of the said John Lunsford is generally known to the acquaintances of the said John Lunsford.

N.W. Abernathy.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd, day of October, 1923,

E. E. Davis

Clerk Superior Court of Cherokee County, North Carolina.

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court, County of Cherokee.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of John Lunsford, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by E. E. Lunsford and Esco Lunsford the executors therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Esco Lunsford that the said will was lodged with him, Esco Lunsford, for safe keeping by the said John Lunsford; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to-wit:

J. H. Abernathy, N. W. Abernathy and Darius Kinney that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said John Lunsford, deceased, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said John Lunsford subscribed to the said will, and that the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said John Lunsford, and it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses,

that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said John Lunsford.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John Lunsford, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

This October the 22, 1923.

E. E. Davis

Clerk Superior Court, Cherokee County, North Carolina.

Recorded, October 22, 1923,

~~North Carolina~~  
~~Cherokee County.~~

~~Re Estate of W. H. Poter~~  
~~Ref. to Clerk in Superior Court~~  
~~Order for Probate~~  
~~of will~~