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State of North Carolina
Cherokee County

In the name of God amen
I John C. Griffin of Cherokee County North
Carolina being sufficient in body but of sound mind
do make this my last will and Testament
1st I give my body to the grave and my soul to God

2nd I desire that all my just debts be paid and fully
satisfied and to that end and purpose I hereby give
and bequeath to my wife Francis Elizabeth Griffin all
my Real Estate in fee simple that I am now seized
and possessed of consisting of ten acres of land on which
my residence and store house is situated also 143 acres of
land bought of John Brim also 100 acres of land bought
of J. H. Griffin all situated lying and being in Beaver Dam
Township Cherokee County North Carolina for more partic-
ular and minute description thereof reference is hereby
made to deeds of record in the Register of deeds office
of Cherokee County N. C. I further give and bequeath
unto my wife Francis Elizabeth all my personal property
consisting of stock of goods in store one yoke of cattle
and sixteen Cows Calves also all my household
goods to have and enjoy during her natural life time
also all my debts due me accounts and notes and all
evidence then of debts which I desire collected and ap-
propriated to the discharge of all my indebtedness

3rd I desire that an inventory of all my goods and
merchandise be made and that my son W. Augustus
Griffin take charge of the same and continue the
business the same as I might or could do if able to
do so, the profits and emolument of the said business
to run to W. A. Griffin saving and excepting the comfortable
support and maintenance of my wife Francis Elizabeth
during her natural life and to provide decent interment
at her death

4th I further appoint my wife Francis Elizabeth
Griffin my sole executrix without bond with full
power to sell & make deeds in fee simple to all my
Real Estate that it may be necessary to do to pay
my debts and to comfortable maintain her during
her natural life and to fully carry out in all

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details this my last Will and Testament I further enjoin
upon my said executrix the ultimate disposition of my
property both Real and personal as follows

an equal distribution of the residue of my effects
at her death to my natural heirs at her death viz
To Martha Ann wife of A. J. Kilpatrick One Eighth
" Walter Luke Griffin One Eighth
" John Thomas Griffin One Eighth
" Francis Elizabeth wife of W. C. Hammond One Eighth
" Benjamin Bluford Griffin One Eighth
" Mary Isbell wife of Dr. J. Whitecomb One Eighth
" Susan Blundin wife of H. M. McCamy One Eighth
" William Augustus Griffin One Eighth

I request that my said heirs if they can agree to do so
to continue the business I have established from generation
to generation and enjoy the profits thereof share and share
alike and I particularly request and enjoin upon
them to care for and protect my wife's interests and
be that all the provisions hereof are carried out and
to see that nothing is squandered with power to select
and appoint an executor in place of my wife at
her death (or illness at her request)

In testimony whereof I John C. Griffin have hereunto
set my hand and seal in presence of the subscribing
witness who are all Co-signant of the purport hereof
by bearing the same read in my presence

This Second day of January A.D. 1893

John C. Griffin (Test)

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Three witnesses

J. M. Chambers
Martha A. J. Kilpatrick
A. J. Kilpatrick
J. C. Griffin
W. C. Griffin
Francis E. Hammond
W. C. Hammond
Mary J. Whitecomb
J. J. Whitecomb

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I accept the trust of executing Really and personally herein conveyed promising to fully conform with the stipulations herein contained
J. E. Griffin

I hereby accept the trust herein conveyed and agree to fully account to the estate of John C. Griffin for all property merchandise &c as per instruction and stipulations herein contained

State of North Carolina

W. A. Griffin

Cherokee County, In Superior Court February 8th 1893

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John C. Griffin deceased is exhibited in open Court by Francis Elizabeth Griffin the Executive named in said will and the due execution thereof is duly proven by the oath and examination of J. W. Chambers and G. G. Whitcomb subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said John C. Griffin deceased and the same is ordered to be recorded and the said Francis E. Griffin admitted duly qualified executor by taking the oath prescribed by law given under my hand at office in Murphy the day and date above written

A. B. Hill

Clerk Superior Court

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In the name of God Amen

I, Jesse R. Stallcup now living in my sound and proper memory, this my last will and Testament, that after all my just debts shall have been paid I will to my three sons to wit James W. Stallcup Shady W. Stallcup and Hugh D. Stallcup all my real estate situated in the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina being described as follows to wit tract No 102 in the third District known as the Jacob Snider farm containing two hundred and twenty two acres. Also tract No 5258 in the aforesaid County and State third District known as the J. A. Monticott lands containing eighty acres. Also tract No 7205 situated in the County of Wilcox and State of North Carolina containing one hundred acres all of which the metes and bounds of the above described lands doth fully appear in the Grants and for the love and good will that I bear to my said sons and heirs in common and their valuable considerations herein after mentioned do hereby will grant convey and confirm unto the said sons & heirs all and singular the above described lands with all the appurtenances thereto belonging and all my personal property to wit one horse four head of Cattle farm implements household and kitchen furniture I will to my son Shady W. Stallcup upon the consideration and special trust that the said Shady W. Stallcup shall provide food and raiment for myself and my wife Avilie suitable to our dotage and to furnish medical services during our natural lives and pay all our funeral expenses or cause the same to be done and paid and for the further consideration and special trust that the said James W. Stallcup Shady W. Stallcup and Hugh D. Stallcup shall pay at my death two hundred dollars each making the total of six hundred dollars to my other heirs to wit Mary Amanda Stallcup Charles F. Stallcup Sarah A. Stallcup George V. Stallcup John W. Stallcup and Naomi E. Robinson. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal on this the 5th day of April A D 1893 signed and sealed in presence of

Witness

J. H. Green

Jesse R. Stallcup (Seal)