

I, J.L.Brown, of Gaston County, N. C. being of sound mind and disposing memory, but being mindful of death do make this my last will and testament, disposing of my worldly effects as follows:

1st. I will that my executor hereinafter appointed shall give to my body decent burial according to the wishes of my relatives and pay expenses of the same and and all my just debts from the first money that shall come into his hands as such

2nd. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine Brown her support and maintenance from my real estate for her natural life.

3rd. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Malinda Brown, Catherine Brown and Nancy Ann Brown, to hold in fee simple, subject to the rights of my wife as set forth in item 2 of this will, the farm on which I now live known as the Henry Rhyne place containing 156 acres more or less and all improvements thereon.

4th. I will and bequeath unto my daughters Elmina Brown and Lodema Brown to hold in fee simple, subject to the rights of my wife as set forth in item 2 of this will my old farm on which I formerly lived adjoining Andrew Cloninger, Smith Jenkins and others containing 87 acres more or less and the improvements thereon.

5th. I give and bequeath unto my daughters named in the last two items of this will all my wheat, corn, oats and cotton that I may have on hand at my death.

6th. I have three sons, Nathan, Calvin and Andrew Brown, but considering that they are able to take care of themselves I do not deem it necessary to give them anything.

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7th. All the rest and residue of my property of whatsoever nature I devise and bequeath to my three daughters, Malinda, Catherine and Nancy Ann to have the same share and share alike.

8th. If my three daughters, Malinda, Catherine and Nancy Ann should die without children at the death of all of them it is my will and I hereby so devise that the land devised to them shall go to my grandson Ulysses Robinson to have and to hold in fee simple.

9th. I hereby appoint my friend and neighbor A.J. Jenkins to be my executor to carry out the provisions of this will according to the meaning and intent of the

same.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of June, 1893.

his
J.L.X Brown (Seal)
mark

Signed, sealed, executed and declared to be his last will and testament by the testator J.L.Brown, in the presence of each of us, and we have signed the same as witnesses at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, this 17th day of June, 1893.

L.M.Hoffman

W.P.Edwards.

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

Since executing the above will I have sold the tract of land of 87 acres devised to my daughters Lodema and Elmina Brown as mentioned in the 4th paragraph of this will and I make this as a codicil to my said will and I hereby devise and bequeath to my said two daughters the following sums to-wit: To Lodema, Twenty dollars and to Elmina Ten dollars in full of their share of my estate. The items of corn, wheat, oats and cotton bequeathed in the 5th paragraph of my said will I give and bequeath to my daughters, Malinda, Catherine and Nancy Ann

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Witness my hand and seal this Aug.16, 1899.

his
J.L.X Brown
mark

(Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared to be a codicil to his last will and testament by J.L.Brown the testator in the presence of each of us and we have signed the same as witnesses at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each of us.

Aug.16, 1899

L.M.Hoffman

J.M.Mauney

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court.

Gaston County.

In the Matter of the last will of J.L.Brown

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of L.M.Hoffman, W.P. Edwards and J.M.Mauney, the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the executor therein named, is the last will and testament of J.L.Brown and that the same was duly executed by said J.L.Brown in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said J.L.Brown was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of said J.L.Brown and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 5th day of June, 1905.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina,

Gaston County,

I, Mrs. Jane C.Gullick, of the aforesaid County and State, being of a sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do