

North Carolina
Greene County

I B. J. Best of the
aforesaid County & State, being of Sound
Mind, but considering the uncertainty
of my earthly existence, do make and
declare this my last will & testament.
1st I desire the members of Radiance
Lodge No 134 to give my body a
decent burial.

2nd I desire to spend \$500.00 fifty dollars
in repairing & painting Jerusalem Church,
provided no sufficient sum can be
raised to accomplish same.

3rd I give and devise to my beloved
Sister Bettie B. Grant one thousand
dollars (\$1000.00 in BK of Wayne \$500.00
in BK of Newnan) the sum to be
spent in Educating my niece
Marion Grant.

4th I here by appoint and constitute my
beloved Sister Bettie B. Grant my
lawful Executor to execute this my
last Will and testament hereby
revoking & declaring all other Wills
& testaments by me heretofore made.
In witness whereof I the said
B. J. Best do hereunto set my hand
& Seal
This 7 July 17th 1899.

Witness
W. N. Parks
A. E. Joyner
B. J. Best.

State of North Carolina } In Superior Court.
Greene County. } Before J. R. Nail, Clerk.
Do R. Estate }
B. J. Best, demand } order for probate of will.

A paper writing purporting to be the last

Will and Testament of B. J. Best dec'd. is exhibited
in open Court for probate by Mrs. Bettie Grant
Executor therein named; and the due execution
thereof by the said B. J. Best, dec'd. is duly
proved by the oath and examination of W. N.
Parks and A. E. Joyner subscribing witnesses thereto
and it is further shown to the satisfaction
of the Court by said witnesses that the said
B. J. Best was at the time of making said will
of sound mind and memory of full age to execute
a will and under no restraint to their knowledge,
information or belief.

It is thereupon considered, adjudged and
decreed that said proof is sufficient and
according to law and that said paper writing
is and contains the last Will and Testament
of B. J. Best dec'd. And on motion it is ordered
that said Will be admitted to probate and
recorded in the Book of Wills of Greene
County and as such filed as provided by
law in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court
of said County.

It is further ordered that said Mrs. Bettie
B. Grant be allowed to qualify as executor
as provided by law and enter upon the
discharge of the duties imposed by said
trust.

Dated this 26th day of Dec 1899.

John R. Nail
Clerk of Superior Court.