

State of North Carolina, in the Superior Court.  
Gruen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Penelope Grant deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by William E. Best the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Penelope Grant by the oath and examination of J. P. Fyfe & E. P. Davis the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown being purporting to be the last will and Testament of Penelope Grant - that the said Penelope Grant in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 28th day of January 1900.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Penelope Grant the Testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by her, and exhibited to be her last will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said Testatrix. And this deponent further saith that at the same time when the said Testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Penelope Grant was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further this deponent says that.

J. P. Fyfe  
E. P. Davis

Sincerely sworn and  
subscribed this 8th day  
of September 1900 before  
me

John R. Dail Clerk  
Superior Court.

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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 Penelope Grant deceased. Let the said will together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 8th day of September 1900

John R. Dail Clerk  
Superior Court.

I - John L. Brith of the County of Gruen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

It is my will and desire that at my death my wife Martha Ann Elizabeth Brith shall without letters of administration take charge of and have the entire control and management of my estate both real and personal, and carry on the same for the benefit of all those that comprise the family at the time of my death, and as long as they remain members of the same, and pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of any moneys that may come into her hands as a part of my estate.

Item 1st I give and devise to my beloved wife Martha Ann Elizabeth Brith the plantations upon which I now live except such portions of the same hereto after bequeathed to my several children, Mary Jane, Emma, John W. and James F. Brith to have and to hold during the period of her natural life.

Item 2. I give and devise to my daughter, Mary Jane Brith, one half of the tract of land known as lot No. 1 in the plat of my lands, and lying on the west end of the same, the bounds to be determined by a committee of three men selected by herself and Emma, and said division may be made upon the demand of either one of my said daughters at any time after the marriage of either, or when either once arrives at the age of twenty one years, and said committee may value the same, and determine what amount shall be paid to her, and Emma from the residue of my estate.

(at the death of my said wife) to make their share equal to those herein before given to my other daughters to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 3. I give and devise to my daughter Emma Britt the other half of lot no 1 to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and devise to my son John R. Britt when he arrives at the age of twenty one years the lands known as the Absolom Edmonds tract of land (the same being lot no 3 in the plat of my land) excepting the life estate of my said wife in the Brandon and Mearns fields, and the principal of timber for said fields, to him and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever, and he shall pay to my estate at the death of him or when he arrives at the age of twenty years the sum of five hundred dollars to be disposed of as herein after directed. Provided however that he should sustain any damages on account of any encumbrance that may be upon said land, then he shall be reimbursed out of my personal estate to the amount of said damage.

Item 5. I give and devise to my son James R. Britt when he arrives at the age of twenty one years the house tract known as lot no 2 excepting the life estate of my said wife in the mansion house, and the houses adjoining the grove, the garden the gin house field, and the field behind the barn, and the lot out house known as Allen's house, and field on the north side of the road, and a life interest in the timber to him and his heirs forever, and he shall pay to my estate at the death of him or when he arrives at the age of twenty one years the sum of five hundred dollars to be disposed of as herein after directed. Provided that lot shall not be materially depreciated in value on account of fire or any other accident, he shall not be required to pay over said sum.

Item 6. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Ann Winifred Moore wife of Jesse R. Moore the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars the same being the advancement heretofore made to her, and which is a fair and equitable portion of my estate.

Item 7. I give and bequeath to my daughter Pessie Haines Whitefield wife of Wm H. Whitefield the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars the same being the amount already advanced to her and which is a fair and equitable portion of my estate.

Item 8. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ann Miles Edmonds wife of James Edmonds the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars the same being the amount already advanced to her and which is a fair and equitable portion of my estate.

Item 9. I give and bequeath to my wife M. H. Britt all my personal property of every description to be hers during the period of her natural life, and it is my will and desire that she shall make the portion of my two daughters, Emma and Mary Jane, equal to those of my other daughters, Martha, Pessie and Sarah paying to them the sum that may be determined upon by the committee mentioned in item 2nd but upon her failure to make said payment then it is my desire that at her death enough of my personal property shall be given to them to make them an equitable portion of my estate. Provided they shall be required to account for any advancements that may hereafter be made to them.

Item 10. It is my will and desire that at the death of my said wife all of my personal property of every description (including the amount paid over by my sons John and James) excepting four beds, bedsteads and clothing shall be equally divided among all my children of the portions of Mary Jane, and Emma have been made equal, to my other daughters, and that the articles excepted in this item be given to my four children Mary Jane, Emma, John R. and James F. Britt to be theirs forever.

Lastly it is my will and desire that at the death of my said wife, my children who are of legal age together with the Guardian selected by my minor children if any shall select a committee of three disinterested persons who shall settle the estate as in their judgment may seem most expedient and equitable, and make division among the several heirs according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament. I witness these

The oweth charge against lands of John R. Britt, payable to estate of John R. Britt were paid on my 14th 1873, and same being down in bond, statements pp 1 at page 204. The same is hereby certified to by me J. H. Norcross 19th Nov 1896.

Nowwell charge against lands of John R. Britt, payable to estate of John R. Britt were paid on my 14th 1873, and same being down in bond, statements pp 1 at page 204. The same is hereby certified to by me J. H. Norcross 19th Nov 1896.

I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th day of Jan'y  
1878 J. G. Britt Seal

Signed sealed published and  
declared to be the last will and  
testament of John G. Britt in  
the presence of us who at his  
request and in his presence do  
sign our names as witnesses  
thereof.

W. A. Darden  
John W. Taylor

North Carolina } In Superior Court:  
Groom County }

In re. The probate of the last will  
and testament of J. G. Britt.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of J. G. Britt is exhibited to probate

& W. Patrick being duly sworn deposes and says that  
he was well acquainted with W. A. Darden during his  
lifetime, that he is now dead, that he was well acquainted  
with the handwriting of the said W. A. Darden having  
seen him write, that the signature of witness  
attached to the will offered for probate as the last will  
and testament of J. G. Britt deceased to which the said  
W. A. Darden is a subscribing witness is in the hand  
writing of the said W. A. Darden and in his own proper  
signature, that the name of the said W. A. Darden subscribed  
as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of  
the said W. A. Darden.

Sworn to and subscribed D. W. Patrick  
before me this the day  
of February 1903.

North Carolina } In Superior Court:  
Groom County }

In re. Probate of the last will and testament of  
J. G. Britt

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of J. G. Britt is exhibited for probate.

J. T. Lugg being duly sworn says: that he was  
well acquainted with John W. Taylor and that he has

deed, that he was well acquainted with the handwriting  
of the said John W. Taylor having seen him write  
that the name of said John W. Taylor subscribed as a  
witness to said will of J. G. Britt is in the handwriting  
of the said John W. Taylor and is his own proper sig-  
nature.

J. A. T. Lugg

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this the day of  
February 1903

John R. Dail C. S. C.

North Carolina } In Superior Court:  
Groom County }

In re

Probate of the last will and testament  
of J. G. Britt deceased.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of J. G. Britt deceased is offered for probate.

I, O. R. Jones after being duly sworn says that he  
was well acquainted with the handwriting of J. G.  
Britt deceased whose last will and testament is  
offered for probate having frequently seen him  
write.

That the signature to said last will and testament  
is the signature of the said J. G. Britt and is in his  
own proper handwriting.

Sworn to and subscribed J. O. R. Jones  
before me this the day  
of February 1903

John R. Dail C. S. C.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court:  
Groom County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last  
will and testament of J. G. Britt deceased is exhibited  
for probate in open court by W. A. Britt the said  
therein named, and it is therefore proved by the  
oath and examination of D. W. Patrick that W. A.  
Darden one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
is dead, and it is also proved by the oath and  
examination of J. T. Lugg that John W. Taylor the  
other subscribing witness thereto is also dead  
and it is further proved by the oath and examination  
of the said D. W. Patrick that he is well acquaint

ed with the hand writing of the said W. H. Darden having the same in his hand and that the name of the said W. H. Darden subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the hand writing of the said W. H. Darden, and it is also found by the oath and examination of the said J. T. Leagy that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said John W. Taylor having the same in his hand and that the name of the said John W. Taylor subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the hand writing of the said John W. Taylor, and it is also found by the oath and examination of J. O. W. Jones that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of J. G. Britt the testator therein having the same in his hand and the signature to said will is the hand writing of said J. G. Britt. also other circumstances stating the Court said paper is the last will and testament of J. G. Britt.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said J. G. Britt and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. This 28th day of January 1903.  
John R. Bail Clerk  
Superior Court.

North Carolina  
Greene County

I John G. Britt of said County and State make this Codicil to my last will and testament published by me, and dated the 12th day of January 1898 which I ratify and confirm, except as the same shall be changed hereby.

Whereas by my will above mentioned I provided that my two sons, Jos. W. Britt and James F. Britt, should each of them pay to my estate the sum of five hundred dollars, as is provided in items 4 and 5, that at this time owing the amount of personal property I did at the time of making said last will and testament I will and direct that in said items 4 and 5 that the word "five" shall be substituted for the word "five" so that it shall read in each of said items 4 and 5. \$4 hundred dollars instead of five hundred dollars. I further provide that these sons Jos. W. Britt & James F. Britt shall not be required to pay the said sums of money until after

the death of their mother

I further direct that my said wife is directed to sell the tract of land owned by me known as the St. James place, either publicly or privately as she may deem most advantageous and without any order from the Court and she is also empowered to convey the same to the purchaser in fee simple on payment to her of the purchase price. The money derived from the sale of the said lands I direct that the same shall be applied to the payment of my debts and expenses of administration that any surplus remaining in her hands after paying my just debts and expenses of administration shall be equally divided between my children, Jos. W. Britt, James F. Britt, Mary Jane Fields and Emma Harney to them and their heirs forever.

In case of my wife's death before my estate is finally administered and the Court should have to appoint an administrator, the same powers to sell and deed the said land in fee simple shall be subject to the orders of the Court in confirming said sale and passing on the same which is to be done by parts.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of June A. D. 1902

J. G. Britt (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published by the said Jos. G. Britt as a Codicil to his last will and testament in our presence and we in his presence and the presence of each other hereat his request have subscribed our names as witnesses.

This Edwardo,

Jos. E. Grimsley,

State of North Carolina  
Greene County

In the Superior Court:

A paper purporting to be the Codicil to the last will and testament of J. G. Britt deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by W. A. Britt the executor therein mentioned, and the two witnesses thereof by the said J. G. Britt by the oath and examination of Hopkinson Edmonds and J. E. Grimsley, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, each depose and say, and each for himself, separately and jointly, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the Codicil to the last will and testament of J. G. Britt that the said J. G. Britt in the presence of this deponent

Subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the seventeenth day of June 1902.

And the deponent further saith, that the said J. G. Brilt the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him, and exhibited to be read to his last will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Caditil as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Caditil to the last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said J. G. Brilt was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge or belief of this deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Thos. Edwards.

Joseph E. Grindley

Generally known and  
subscribed this 28th day  
of Feb. 1903 before me  
John R. Dail Clerk  
Superior Court.

North Carolina }  
Means Causing } In the Superior Court.

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 J. G. Brilt deceased. And the said will together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 28th day of Feb. 1903

John R. Dail Clerk  
Superior Court

Means Leo N. C.

Friedell. N. C.

January 23rd 1902

This is to certify that I give to Mr. R. H. Heath and J. B. Heath all of my interest in the following property to wit: in square shares, first all in my mill (known as the Heath Mill).

Second - All of my interest in my part of land, the land adjoining the lands of Walter Transland, Dawson, S. Ward, and others, known as the Heath place.

I also give to Mr. R. H. Heath one bed and bedding. At my death they are to have all I have written above.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal.

Witness

B. F. Edmundson  
Richard Murphy

Robert H. Heath  
deceased

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court.  
Means Leo }

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Robert Heath deceased, is exhibited to me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Mr. Heath the administrator, and the due execution thereof by the said Robert Heath by the oath and affirmation of Richard Murphy one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depone and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Robert Heath, that the said Robert Heath in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 28th day of January 1902.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Robert Heath the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the