

In the name of God Amen I William Browning being
of sound and sane mind and in good & perfect health but
knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death
do hereby make publick this my last will and Testament
(Test.)

Item 1st I will that after my death my body be
decently and in a manner becoming laid buried

Item 2nd I will also provide that out of my estate
all just debts be paid off and discharged by my
executors after payment of all debts which I will
be bound to pay by real and personal property
of every description whatsoever to my dearly beloved
wife Polly Ann Edmonston during her natural life
or widowhood and then at her death her marriage or
death the same to go to my infant daughter
Margaret Browning and should my dear wife
again I desire my executors to take charge of
said property and invest the same as they see fit
it to be sold and the profits as they may deem best
for the use of my infant daughter Margaret
Item 3rd I do hereby appoint my friends Walter
Harris, Walter Harris and George Harris my
executors to this my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
the 11th day of June A.D. 1865

Wm Browning

Witness
J. B. Harris

Testified and sworn to

I A Edmonston of the county of Haywood and State
of North Carolina being of sound and disposing
Mind Memory and understanding do make
publish and declare this to be my last Will and
Testament; hereby revoking and making void
null and void former last Wills and Testaments
and writings in the nature of last Wills and
Testament by me heretofore made

My Will is first that my funeral charges
and just debts shall be paid by my Executors
hereinafter named

The residue of my estate and property which
shall not be required for the payment
of my just debts funeral charges and
the expenses attending the execution of this
my last Will; and the administration of my
estate, I give devise and dispose thereof as follows
to wit I give and devise to my beloved wife
Polly Ann Edmonston all my real and
Personal property of any kind whatsoever
which I may possess at the time of my death
to have and to hold the same during her
natural life, and at the death of my
beloved wife Polly Ann Edmonston

It is my Will that all my real estate be equally
divided between my two sons Basil Brock
Edmonston and Thomas Bertram Edmonston
which division may be made as my two sons
may think proper. It is my Will however that
my two sons pay to my three daughters (to wit)
Laura G. Allen Dorothy Independence Himes
and Nancy Adeline Allen the sum of
one hundred dollars each to be paid within
years after the decease of their mother and
should I fail to give my daughter Nancy
A. Allen a house before my death then
my executors shall give her a house with

one hundred and twenty dollars or cash
to that amount soon after my death
should either of my sons before named die
without issue then my other son shall have
all my real estate by his paying the
additional sum of fifty dollars

to each of my three daughters before named
within twelve months after the decease of
his brother

And I do nominate and appoint my two
sons Basil Booth Edmonston and Thomas
Benton Edmonston to be the Executors of this
my last Will and testament

In testimony whereof I the said
Edmonston have here subscribed my name
and affixed my seal this the nineteenth
day of October in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred fifty seven
Signed sealed and closed by said

N. Edmonston to be his last Will and
testament in presence of us who at
his request and in his presents have
subscribed our names as Witnesses

hereunto in the presence of each other

N. Edmonston

W. J. Long
N. P. Hartgrove

Witnessed N. N. Medford & Co

March 1st one thousand Eight hundred and
Sixty four

D. David Howell after due reflection and is disposed
to be just to all my children under all Circum-
stances I do proceed to make my Will

I do give my last wife Mary Ann her three little
sons David, C. O. & S. S. Simpson, I the following (rights)
the same tract of land including both sides of the
Creek and the mill and the mill property and
all the house hold and kitchen furniture and
all that is in the house I do further Will that
all of the remainder of my property land and
negroes and other property not named a fore
is to be sold and the proceeds from the sale is to
be equal divided unto all of my children of
both sides & Maria and Mary children unto
the exception of James he received three hundred
Dollars more than the other children heretofore

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal this 30th of
December 1864

Signed sealed in
presence of us who at
the request David Howell
and in his presents and
in presence of each other have
set our names as Witnesses

James Parks
J. S. Moody

David Howell