

State of North Carolina
 Henderson County

The last will and testament of Merideth
 Freeman of the County and State aforesaid
 Considering the uncertainty of mortal life, and
 being of sound mind and memory, do make and
 publish this my last will and testament
 that is to say, that I be decently buried when
 I die so that my bones return to return to dust
 from whence they come in name of God Amen
 I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Julia Ann
 Freeman all of the horse tract of Land known as
 the James Murry tract that has not been previ-
 ously deeded away, this I will and order to be held
 during her natural life, then to descend to mine
 and her three youngest children namely Edmund
 H. Freeman, Julia H. Freeman, and James Freeman
 all of which I order to the sole use of the above nam-
 ed heirs, after the decease of my beloved wife and
 that they be not excluded during her life time
 and lastly the remainder of the house hold furniture
 together with sufficient stock to keep up the
 house and farm, I further order that the remainder
 of all my property lands and tenements be sold
 and after my just debts is paid, to be equally
 divided between the heirs of Louisa Freeman &
 them of Julia Ann Freeman, except five dollars
 to each of the other three children of my first wife.
 I further appoint my beloved wife the sole execu-
 -trix of this my last will and testament
 revoking all other wills by me made

In witness whereof I have ~~subscribed~~ set my
 hand and seal this April 19th one thousand eight
 hundred and fifty eight

Test
 James B. Rankin
 Lewis Jones

M. Freeman ^{my} ~~Hand~~ ^{Seal}

January 20th 1869

Exhibitions in the Probate Court

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Merideth Freeman deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned judge of Probate for said County, by Julia Ann Freeman the Executrix therein named, and the due examination thereof the oath of examination of John Brookshire and Levi Jones, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both depose and say and each for himself depose and sayeth that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing, now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Merideth Freeman, that the said Merideth Freeman in the presence of this deponent John Brookshire, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 19th day of April 1868.

That the said Merideth Freeman did in the presence of this deponent Levi Jones acknowledge the signing of the paper writing

And the deponent further sayeth that the said Merideth Freeman the testator aforesaid, did at the time and after as aforesaid of the subscribing of his name declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name to said will as attesting witness thereto and at the request, and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further sayeth that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid Merideth Freeman was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information

in belief of this deponent
And further the deponents say not

John Brookshire
Scriber

Personally sworn to this the 20th day of
January 1869 before me

W. H. Pace
Probate Judge

Whereupon it is ordered that the said
last will and testament of M. Freeman
as is propounded be admitted to
Probate, and that the same be Recor-
ed and filed according to Law

Of the said Julia Anna Freeman was
duly sworn as executrix & letters testament
issued

W. H. Pace
Judge of Probate

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Evans of the County
of Henderson State of North Carolina being of sound mind and
Memory (Signed to God) do this 27th day of January in the year
of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty eight do make and
Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form as follows, that is to say

First I will my soul to God who gave it and
my body to the Mother earth

Second I will that my body be buried in a decent
Christian like manner and that my funeral expenses be
paid out of my effects by my Executor who
may hereafter be appointed

Third I will and bequeath that all my just debts
be paid

Fourth I will and bequeath that all my effects both
real personal or mixed be sold by my Executor and the
proceeds of the estate be equally divided between
my lawful heirs to wit - Samuel Evans
John Estlin Elijah M. Evans David Evans Catherine
Fleecoper Robert Evans Joseph M. Evans Sarah S. Hamilton