

In the name of God Amen

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I Edward C Debrule of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this the 15th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

First. I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Frances Debrule all my estate of every kind and description during her natural life.

Secondly. After ~~the~~ death of my said wife, my will & desire is that my son William B Debrule shall have absolutely and in fee simple the tract of land in Jones County on the North side of Trout River and on the north of Bachelor's Creek which was conveyed to me by Elizabeth Simmons by deed bearing date the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine containing one hundred and five Acres more or less.

Thirdly. After the death of my said wife my will and desire is, that my beloved daughter Mary Hadler wife of Lemuel Hadler shall have absolutely and in fee simple the tract of land lying in Jones & Craven Counties on the West side of the South prong of Bachelor's Creek which was conveyed to me by Marcus C. Rye by deed bearing date the 7th day of January A.D. 1857, containing thirty six Acres more or less.

Fourthly. All the residue of my estate of every kind & description, I give devise and bequeath unto my two sons Edward C Debrule & Robert R Debrule to be equally divided between them.

And I do hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Richard Oldfield and Francis Merritt Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I the said Edward C Debrule have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand & seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed, published & declared by the said Edward C Debrule, the testator, at his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Jacob Field
O S Buffen

Edward C Debrule

Jones County Court.

April Term A.D. 1857.

A Paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Edward C Debrule deceased was presented in Open Court for probate. And it is thereupon the oath and examination of Oliver S Buffen one of the subscribing witnesses thereto duly sworn, and by proof of the hand writing of Jacob Field, the other subscribing witness who is shown to be dead. 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 Edward C Debrule, the said Will is therefore ordered to be recorded & filed according to law. — And it further appearing that Francis Merritt and Richard Oldfield named as the Executors in said Will renounced in Open Court their right to execute the same. — It is ordered by the Court that George S Debrule be appointed Administrator with the Will annexed, and thereupon the said George S Debrule comes into Court and qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Attest Chas. Crook Clerk