

date on the 18th day of April 1870. And the deponent further saith that the said Matthew St. Carr the testator aforesaid, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declares the said paper writing to be his last will and testament, and the deponent did then and there subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto the said Matthew St. Carr 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 that the deponent say not.

Sincerely sworn and subscribed
this 18th day of August 1870
before me

R. J. Green
Probate Judge

Lenoir County,
North Carolina.

Thomas M. Mledge &
John H. Mledge
vs.
The Probate Court

Application for the Probate of a will.

The application of Thos. M. Mledge & John H.

Mledge, Shors;

I That William Mledge, late of Lenoir County, died Sept 21st 1870 leaving a last will and testament whereby he appointed the said Thomas M. Mledge, and John H. Mledge, the executors thereof.

II That the estate of the said Thos. Mledge, consists of about 150 acres of land, situated in said county, worth about \$1000, and personal property consisting of household & kitchen furniture and some stock worth about \$500.

III That the names and residences of the parties interested in the testator's property are as follows:

- (1) Thomas M. Mledge - Lenoir County - N.C.
- (2) David M. Mledge
- (3) John H. Mledge, & Henry Mledge, Lenoir County - N.C.
- (4) Jesse B. Mledge, Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia

(5) William J. Mledge - Greene County - N.C.

(7) Wm. W. Mledge, and John H. Mledge, minor children of James B. Mledge, Deceased, residing in Lenoir County, Texas, and without guardian.

(8) William Mledge, Alexander Mledge, & Jesse Mledge, the two last, minors without guardian residing in Lenoir County, North Carolina, born & subscribed to before me
this 18th day of Oct 1870
R. J. Green Jf.

J. H. Mledge
J. H. Mledge

William Mledge. I William Mledge, of the County of Lenoir 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:

I give and devise (hereafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suit to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereover, and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my son Thomas M. Mledge, the tract of land situated on the south side of my plantation and bounded as follows viz, beginning at a stake on Helling Creek, Robt. Dwyer's corner, and my own and running with the said Dwyer's line south 84 west 159 poles to the Public Road, then running with said Public Road north 20 1/2 west 112 poles, and 17 links to the Muddy Run Road, then running with said Muddy Run Road S. 75 1/2 E. 70 poles, then S. 68 E. 17 poles, then S. 60 E. 22 1/2 poles, to the Helling Creek bridge, then running down the various courses of the line of the said Helling Creek to the beginning, containing ninety-four acres, I also give and devise to my son Thomas M. Mledge another tract of land situated and lying on the north side of the Muddy Run Road and bounded as follows viz, beginning at the bridge on Helling Creek, and running with the Muddy Run Road North 80 W. 25 1/2 poles, then S. 68 E. 17 poles, then South 70 1/2 E. 70 poles, to the Public Road, then running with the said Public Road and French Fork Mledge's line North 20 1/2 west 112 poles, and 17 links, to the Muddy Run Road, then running North 17 1/2 E. 11 1/2 poles, to a corner line, then north 11 West 60 poles, then north 10 1/2 West 2 1/2 poles, to the line of Helling Creek, then running down the various courses of the line of said creek to the beginning, containing forty-four and a half acres, the said last two tracts of land shall be valued by a committee consisting of J. M. Minor, Robt. Dwyer and Thomas H. Stewart, and the value thereof and good current money shall be equally divided among the lawful children of my son James B. Mledge, provided the said last child are now living or may be living at the time of the execution of this instrument, and of such living at the time of the execution of this instrument, the share of such child or children shall be equally divided among my children, I also give and devise to my son Thomas M. Mledge, on the 1st of Feb.

Also also one Town & Harney,
 I give to my son Josiah W. Aldridge, a tract of land bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at the mouth of a ditch at the bend of Hallow Creek, known as the upper ditch of the Town & Harney, and running up said ditch S. 87° W. 11 poles & 5 links then S. 61° W. 60 poles to a perpendicular tree, then S. 14° W. 53 1/2 poles to the said Josiah W. Aldridge, line, then running with his line North 80° West 8 poles and 9 links, then South 82° West 6 poles to the Public Road, then running with said road S. 86° W. 30 poles to a ditch, then running with said ditch S. 57° W. 90 poles to a stake, then South 57° W. 22 poles & 20 links to a stake, then North 61° East 16 poles & 10 links to a ditch, then 57° West 18 poles and 10 links to the upper ditch of the aforementioned and running down said ditch S. 59° E. 32 1/2 poles to the bend of Hallow Creek, then running down the various courses of the bend of said Hallow Creek to the beginning, containing thirty-two and a half acres,

Item 2d I give to my son John W. Aldridge, a tract of land bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at the upper ditch of a creek known as the upper creek on the bend of Hallow Creek, and running up said ditch South 57° West 90 poles to a stake in the field, then North 57° East 23 1/2 poles to a ditch, then running with said ditch S. 57° West 94 poles to the Public Road, then running with Public Road and path South 56° W. 100 poles and 9 links to a stake, then S. 35° E. 14 1/2 poles to a stake, then S. 36° W. 85 poles to a post oak in or near Thomas M. Dawson's line, then running with his line S. 72° E. 130 poles to the bend of Hallow Creek, then running down the bend of said Hallow Creek to the beginning, containing one hundred & thirty-two acres. - Thirty-two acres of said tract of land, the line adjoining the lot of land allotted to Josiah W. Aldridge, are to be valued by said Committee and the valuation of one hundred and thirty of said good and current money shall be paid over to the lawful children of my son James G. Aldridge, provided the said children are now living or may be living at the time of the execution of this instrument; and if not living at the time of the execution of this instrument the above named good and current money shall be equally divided among my children, I also I give to my son John W. Aldridge, one line Road and one large pole, which he now has in possession. The Remainder of the balance of said thirty-two acres after deducting the one hundred and thirty of said money if any be remaining, shall be paid to my son Josiah W. Aldridge,

Item 3d I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law Nancy Aldridge, (widow of Jos. Aldridge), her lawful estate in two lots of Land, one situated and bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at a fence on the North, Thomas M. Dawson's corner and running with said fence S. 86° E. 88 to a stake then S. 35° E. 24 1/2 to a stake then South 56° W. 85 poles to a post oak in or near the Dawson's line, then running with his line to the beginning, containing thirty-two acres. The other tract situated and bounded as follows, viz. Beginning

at the mouth of a ditch, the upper ditch of the aforementioned creek on the bend of Hallow Creek, and runs up said ditch & runs S. 61° W. 53 1/2 poles then S. 57° E. 13 1/2 poles then S. 61° W. 16 and 10 links, then S. 39° W. 25 poles to a stake, then North 57° E. 70 poles to the bend of Hallow Creek, then running down the bend of said creek to the beginning - containing sixteen and a half acres. - The said described tracts of land are to be held unto her the said Nancy Aldridge, during her natural lifetime and at her death, both of the above named tract of land which I have given her shall go to her son Jos. Aldridge,

Item 5. Also one of my best beds and furniture to be sold for good and current money, and said money to be equally divided between the lawful children of my son James G. Aldridge, provided the said children be living at the time of the execution of this instrument, and if they be not living at the time of the execution of this instrument the above named good and current money shall be equally divided among my children,

Lastly I direct that all my live stock, household and kitchen furniture and every kind of property of which I may die possessed, be sold for good and current money, and my funeral expenses and all debts which I may die owing, be paid with the same and whatever may remain over and above shall be equally divided among the three youngest children of my son William Aldridge, I likewise I make constitute and appoint my son Thomas M. Aldridge and John W. Aldridge to be Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this the thirty-first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight
 Signed & sealed in presence of John S. Dalg
 Robt. S. Dalg } William Aldridge, Test

Linn County - On the Probate Court
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William Aldridge, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county by John M. Aldridge & John W. Aldridge the execution thereof requested and the due execution thereof by the said William Aldridge by the oath and examination of John S. Dalg and Robt. S. Dalg subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn do depose and say each for himself, a truth and oath that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing, now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of William Aldridge, that the said William Aldridge 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 on the thirty-first day of July A.D. 1858. And the deponent doth certify that the said William Aldridge, the testator aforesaid,

