

John S. Russell's will

State of North Carolina this 10th day of
Montgomery County April A.D. 1863

In the name of God Amen before the Lord

I John S. Russell of the County and State aforesaid being
of perfect mind and memory do this day make
and publish this my last will and testament
in the manner following (viz) that is to say
In the first place sell off enough of my property
to satisfy all the just debts standing against me
And in the second place I give and bequeath unto
my loving wife Mary Russell all the remaining
part of my estate to be in her and of her in the
following manner that is to say that she shall give
to each one of the girls an equal portion with those
that are now married and unmarried as Sarah
Elizabeth is afflicted I think it meet and right
to give her an extra gift and I hereby give Sarah
Elizabeth my husband and five acres of land including
the home land and the buildings thereon to be hers
after the death of my wife - I mean the home tract
and the Royal tract and another piece from Mt. Thayer
And further I direct after her death provided she dies
without any heir that said land shall then be equally
divided among all my heirs And further I direct that each
of my sons shall have a horse given them of good
valuation, And after the death of my wife I direct that
all the lands belonging to me shall be equally divided among
all my heirs, I mean that the property from my wife shall
be hers during her natural life to widowhood and I hereby appoint
my loving wife an executrix to this my last will and testament
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day
and date above mentioned in presence of us - J. S. Russell (Sd)
E. S. Wallace

Mt. Thayer Montgomery County Court Larry Tamm 1864

This foregoing will has been in open court by E. S. Wallace
and Mt. Thayer subscribing witnesses thereunto and it appearing
to be the last will and testament of John S. Russell. It is ordered
to be recorded & filed - J. S. Wallace Clerk

Joseph Russell's will

In the name of God Amen

I Joseph Russell of the County of Montgomery and
State of North Carolina being in low state of health
and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks
be to God for the blessing, do make and ordain this my
last will and testament in manner and form following,
that is to say, in the first place, it is my will and desire
that my just debts be paid out of my estate, then I give
and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Russell all of
my earthly estate for her use for the support and comfort
of herself & my daughter Mary S. Russell with the excep-
tion of such articles as will be of no use to them and that
such articles as she will not need be sold and the money
arising from said sale be equally divided amongst all
my heirs my beloved wife sharing equally in this with
the rest of my heirs, that all the real and personal
my earthly estate including my lands be for the use and
support of my said beloved wife and daughter during
during the natural life of my beloved wife Jane Russell
and after her death my lands, I give and bequeath to my
daughter Mary S. Russell for her use and benefit
forever to have and to hold free of all and every other
claim, right or title whatsoever and that all of my other
property (except land) that may remain after the death
of my said beloved wife be sold and the proceeds thereof
equally divided among all of my heirs including my
said daughter Mary S. Russell

I Joseph Russell do declare this my last will and
testament and appoint my son William Russell and Henry
Wheaby of Bladen County my executors in this my last
will and testament - in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this 21st day of February A.D. 1864

Wm. Russell

Joseph Russell

James R. Coggin

Montgomery County Court April 1st 1864

This will was offered for probate in open court and was
found to be the last will and testament of Joseph Russell and it
was ordered to be recorded - J. S. Wallace Clerk