

Sally Merrill's will

State of North Carolina Montgomery County May 19th
 One thousand eight hundred and eighty two
 I Sally Merrill do this day give and will a certain
 tract of land lying and being in the County and State
 aforesaid - Bounded as follows - Beginning at a post
 Oak in Gadsden's line and some North twenty on poles to a
 stake by a maple and hickory in section line with it
 west forty six poles to his corner white oak with said line
 North forty four poles to a Spanish oak then west seventy
 eight poles to a stake then South ten hundred and fifteen
 poles to a stake then East twenty poles to Gadsden's line with it
 North one hundred poles to his corner with his other line east
 one hundred poles to the beginning containing one hundred
 acres more or less which I give to M. D. & J. H. Merrill
 to have and to hold their heirs and assigns forever begins
 sealed and delivered in their presence my last will and
 testament

Attest J. M. Britton
 Clerk ^{for} Campbell

Sally Merrill
 Mark

Montgomery County Court July 2nd 1883

Now the foregoing will was proven by the oath of
 George M. Britton subscribing witness there and others to
 be recorded - J. D. Spencer Clerk

Benjamin Rush's will

I Benjamin Rush of the County of Montgomery County 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 -

first that my executors hereinafter named shall provide
 for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my
 relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together
 with my just debts which are few and small out of the
 money that may first come into their hands as a part whereof
 of my estate

Item I give and devise to my son Calvin H. Rush all my
 lands on Mountain Creek also when I shall designate commencing
 at the Channel of Mountain Creek in the lower line of the mill race
 and running with the meanders of the Creek to the mouth of a large
 ditch when the Creek now runs thence enter a ditch to the Channel
 of the Creek thence with the Channel to the mouth of a small ditch
 then enter said ditch to the fence below the mill thence with the
 fence to the gate on the south side of the Creek thence a direct
 course till it strikes the mill pond as high as any head of
 water may be raised thence with the various corners of the mill
 pond around to a Mulberry tree above the Millers house thence
 a direct line to the gate on the north side of the Creek thence
 with the mill road north till it strikes the line near the
 Haystack road thence with the line east till it comes to
 his own line including all the tracts and parts of tracts
 above when I designated as the land now having well shown corners
 at eight hundred and fifteen acres also my family and mine together
 with the above named lands to have and to hold to him and his
 heirs in fee simple forever -

Item I give and devise to my son Atlas H. Rush all my lands
 lying on Dry Creek a branch of Mountain Creek that lies
 south east of Chickens Road called the horse trail including
 all the tracts and parts of tracts lying south and east of a
 Chickens Road turning off from the Haystack Road
 near the old Camp ground also a slice of land on
 Mountain Creek bounded as follows. Beginning at the byway