

In the name of God. Amen.
 I, A. J. May, of the County of Nash and the
 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

That my executor herein after named shall
 provide for my body a decent burial suitable
 to the wishes of my relatives and friends and
 pay all funeral expenses together with my
 just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing
 out of the monies that may first come in to his
 hands as a part or parcel of my estate
 I lend to my beloved wife during her natural
 life or widowhood all of my entire estate both
 personal and real with exception of one tract
 or parcel of land lying in the County of Nash and
 State of N.C. it being a part of the John H. Perry
 land said land I want sold for the purpose of
 paying debts and defraying expenses of
 settling my estate and if there should be any
 thing left of the proceeds of said land I want
 that used in educating my children

The above mentioned property lend to my beloved
 wife consisting of my home tract of land
 Mansion and all out buildings stock of
 every description horse hold and kitchen
 furniture farming tools Carts wagons and so
 And after her death and the youngest child
 becomes of age and I want the entire property
 both personal and real then equally divided
 among all my children

It is my desire and request that my brother
 Henry May act as Guardian for my children
 but in case of failure by reason of death or
 otherwise him it is my request and desire that
 W. E. Whaley act as Guardian for my children.
 And lastly, I do hereby constitute my trusty friends
 Henry May and W. E. Whaley my lawful executors
 to all intent and purpose to execute this my last
 will and testament according to the true intent
 and meaning of the same, and every part

and clause thereof hereby making and
 declaring utterly void all other wills and
 testaments by me heretofore made.
 In witness whereof I the said A. J. May do
 hereunto set my hand and seal, this the
 25th day of December A. D. 1853.

Signed Sealed published and
 declared by the said A. J. May
 to be his last Will and
 testament in the presence
 of us who at his request
 and in his presence do
 subscribe our names

W. E. Whaley
 Robt A. Wilder

State of North Carolina }
 Nash County }

In the probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last Will and testament of A. J. May deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned, Judge of probate for said County by A. J. May and W. G. Whaley the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said A. J. May by the oath and examination of W. G. Whaley and Robt A. Wilder the subscribing Witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of A. J. May, that the said A. J. May in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 28th day of December 1882

And the deponent further saith that the said A. J. May the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid 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 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 last Will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent subscribing his name as an attesting Witness thereto, as aforesaid the said A. J. May 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 this deponent says not.

W. G. Whaley (Seal)
 Robt A. Wilder (Seal)

Personally sworn and subscribed this 14th
 day of Nov 1884 before me
 Geo. D. Morgan Probate Judge

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I William Hunt of the County of Nash 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

That my executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

That my executor (here and after named) shall provide for my beloved wife out of the monies that may first come into his hands all necessary means for her support and comfort during her natural life and at her death provide for her body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of her relatives and friends

I lend unto my Daughter Martha Jane the wife of Joseph N. Edwards a certain tract or parcel of land on which she now lives lying between the Gastalia and Louistown roads beginning at the X roads between the mill and store thence said Gastalia road as it meanders to Peach Tree Creek Creekmore ford thence up said Cr to Edwige line to Louistown road and thence down said road to the beginning to have and to hold together with all improvements thereon the same peacefully during her life as aforesaid

My Will and desire is after the death of my said Daughter Martha Jane Edwards that tract of land as aforesaid lent to her during her life shall be sold according to law and after taking out all expenses there for the residue be equally divided among the following named heirs to wit William Edwards born Dec 1840 wife of H. S. Dean Bette Edwards wife of Joseph Edwards and Susan May wife of William May each one to share and share alike

I give and bequeath to my Grandson son William Edwards the tract of land whereon I now live