

In the name of God Amen, I Sallie A Griffin
 (wife of G. R. Griffin) 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 declare
 this paper of writing to be my last will and Testament in
 manner and form following, that is to say,
 Item first, I do leave unto my beloved husband G. R.
 Griffin during his natural life all the tract of land on which
 we now live adjoining the lands of George Ricks Sr & Leiden
 Longin and other containing seventy five acres, be the same
 more or less, and it is my will and desire that at his death it
 shall be sold by executor hereinafter named, and the money equally
 divided between his and my lawful heirs, that is my heirs and
 the heirs of my husband G. R. Griffin.

Item 2^d. I nominate and appoint my nephew B. J. Cozzini
 to be my lawful Executor to see that this my will be strictly
 carried out as herein stated;

Given under my hand and seal, this the 31st day
 of July 1888

Signed in presence of
 George Ricks Sr
 S. B. Ricks

Sallie A. Griffin (and)

State of North Carolina, In the Probate Court
 Nash County

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of
 Sallie A. Griffin deceased, is exhibited before me the
 undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by B. J. Cozzini
 the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the
 said Sallie A. Griffin by the oath and examination of George Ricks
 Sr. and S. B. Ricks the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly
 sworn, with afore and say, and each for himself deposes and swears
 that they saw subscribing witnesses to the paper writing now shown them
 purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sallie A. Griffin;
 that the said Sallie A. Griffin in the presence of them deponents
 subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now
 shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 15th day of
 July 1888. And these deponents further swear, That the
 said Sallie A. Griffin the testator aforesaid did, at the time of
 subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing
 as subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and Testament
 And these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end
 of said will as the attesting witnesses thereto, and at the

request and in the presence of the said testator. And these deponents
 further swear, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her
 name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponents subscribing
 their names as the attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said Sallie A. Griffin
 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 these depo-
 nents. And further these deponents swear not

George Ricks Sr (and)
 S. B. Ricks (and)

Solemnly sworn and subscribed the
 22^d day of Sept 1890 before me
 J. S. Morgan
 Probate Judge

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Know all men by these presents that I Adaline
 Cone being in of sound mind and memory, and considering
 the uncertainty of this transitory life do make public and de-
 clare this to be my last will and Testament. That I give
 I leave which to be carried to Francis & Denton and to belong to
 her, but never to go out of the family. I Red Table to Brigg E. Denton.
 I Little Bed & Furniture to George Brown. I Pair Balances to George
 W. Pace, and all of the rest of my property Real and personal
 a line and bequeath to Nancy W. Denton. Francis J. Denton
 J. P. Denton & Madona A. Morgan to be equally divided
 among them without sale. And to Nancy W. Denton Francis J.
 Denton Madona Morgan all of my clothes, except 3 dresses
 part script, to be equally divided between them. I give and
 bequeath the above described property to Cadace Cone her life
 time and then according to the above will and Testament given
 under my hand and seal this the 25th day of Oct. 1886

Adaline Cone

Not joint of all my burial expenses to be paid, and all of
 my lawful debts paid, and I appoint Owen Brantley to be my
 lawful Executor - this the 25th day of Oct. 1886

Adaline Cone

I Give my Red Blanket to Nancy Brantley
 Witness
 J. S. Denton
 Owen Brantley
 J. S. Denton

State of North Carolina
 Nash County } In the Probate Court,
 A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of
 Adaline Cone deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned
 Judge of Probate for said County by Owen Brandtley the
 Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof
 by the said Adaline Cone by the oath and examination of J. S.
 Denton and J. T. Denton the subscribing witnesses thereto,
 who, being duly sworn both before and day, and each for him-
 self deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to
 the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last
 will and Testament of Adaline Cone; that the said
 Adaline Cone in the presence of these deponents subscribed
 her name at the end of said paper writing which is now
 shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the
 25th day of Oct. 1886.

And these deponents further saith, that the said
 Adaline Cone the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of
 subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper
 writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last
 will and Testament, and these deponents did thereupon
 subscribe their names at the end of said will as the
 attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request and in the
 presence of the said testator. And these deponents further
 say that at the said time when the said testator sub-
 scribed her name to the last said will as aforesaid,
 and at the time of deponents subscribing their names
 as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Ad-
 aline Cone was of sound mind and memory of full age
 to execute a will, and was not under any constraint
 to the knowledge or belief of these deponents.

And further these deponents say that not

Severally sworn and subscribed
 this 17th day of Sept 1890
 before me

J. T. Denton (Seal)
 J. S. Denton (Seal)
 Jno. T. Morgan
 Probate Judge

North Carolina }
 Nash County } I, Marmaduke Ricks of the
 County and State above named, being of sound mind and
 disposing memory, do hereby make public and declare my last
 will and Testament in manner and form following - to wit:
 1st I devise the tract of land on which I now reside ad-
 joining Lawrence Ferry, Caroline Beum, Garland B. Ricks,
 797 North R. Strickland, Nancy Strickland and others containing
 two hundred and thirty seven acres more or less to my daugh-
 ters Marcella Ann Ricks, Labaria Ann Ricks & Melissa
 Anna Ricks for the term of their natural lives upon the death
 of either, to the survivor or survivors, and upon the death of
 the last one, give the same to Garland B. Ricks and my
 Caroline Beum to be equally divided between them and their
 heirs.

2^d I give and bequeath to my daughters Marcella Ann, La-
 baria Ann and Melissa Anna all of my personal property of
 every description to them and their executors and administrators
 or assigns absolutely except the legacies hereinafter mentioned.

3^d I give to Manson Harriet Strickland one hundred dollars
 and Margaretta Ricks fifty dollars and direct my executor
 to pay the same over to them out of the first monies that may
 come to his hands.

I hereby appoint my son Garland B. Ricks Executor to this
 my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I
 have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal
 this the 11th day of May 1887

Signed and sealed in our
 presence who witness the same
 by subscribing our names in the presence
 of and at the request of testator as witnesses
 to his last will and Testament the date
 above written

Yes M. Blount
 William T. Griffin

State of North Carolina }
 Nash County } In the Superior Court
 In the matter of the last will of Marmaduke Ricks
 it appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of
 H. Blount and W. T. Griffin the subscribing witnesses
 thereto, that the paper writing proposed to be