

State of North Carolina
Nash County }

I, Joel Barnes of Nash County and State aforesaid, 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 hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all the funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item I bind to my beloved wife Mary Henri Barnes during her natural life or widowhood to be used by her for her support and convenience as she may see fit, and the force of circumstances may require all of my estate, real property and mixed of every nature and kind sover and wheneversoever the same shall be at the time of my death and at her death. It is my will that all of the property herein bequeathed or left to my wife which may be left at her death shall be disposed of as follows.

I give to my two daughters Penelopy Ann Charity Barnes and Margaret Ann Garrison Braswell eighty acres of the short tract of land to be cut off next to the creek also one bed and furniture each. The bed and furniture hereby given to Margaret Ann Garrison Braswell being now in his possession.

At the death of my wife I give to my son Joel T Barnes three acres of land adjoining the land of said Barnes, and the said Joel T Barnes and ten Dollars in money.

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At the death of my wife I bequeath to my daughter Aquilla Nick five Dollars having already advanced to her all intended I give her nothing more.

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At the death of my wife Mary Harriet Barnes it is my will that all of my property left in her hands shall be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my son Joel T Barnes and my two daughters Margaret Ann Sarah Braswell and Penelopy Ann Charity Barnes except what has been herein before disposed of. I do constitute and appoint my son in law John L Braswell Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Hereby revoking and making void all and every other will or Wills at any time heretofore made by me and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Joel Barnes have hereunto set my hand this the 25th day of November 1877

Signed and published

by the above named Joel Barnes as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

William J. Griffin
A. W. Bradgers

Joel Barnes

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State of North Carolina } 58th Probate Court
Nash County }

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joel Barnes Decedent is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by John L Braswell the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Joel Barnes by the oath and examination of William J. Griffin and A. W. Bradgers the

Subscribing witnesseth that he who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Barnes. That the said Joel Barnes in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 3^d of November 1879 And the deponent further say that the said Joel Barnes the testator aforesaid died 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 these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesseth 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 subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponents subscribing the same as attesting witnesseth thereto as aforesaid, the said Joel Barnes 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 deponents And further these deponents say not

William J. Tupper *(Qual)*
A. W. Bridges *(Qual)*

I, being sworn and
subscribed, this
the 23^d day of October
1885 before me
John Morgan
Probate Judge

I Thomas Mills of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick in body but sound of mind and disposing memory do make public and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the following manner. That is to say I do my Executor herein after mentioned & shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the worth of my relatives and friends and pay all toward expenses together with my just debts and whences ever owing out of the first money that may first come into his hand or held or part of my estate 185- I give to David Mills my brother all of my estate land household and kitchen furniture at my decease also my farming utensils. I do hereby appoint my trusty friend David Mills my lawful Executor to to all intent and purpose this my last will and Testament according to the meaning of the same, whereof I Thomas Mills have this day set my hand and Seal this the 21st of August 1885. I declare this to be my last will and Testament i subscribe our hand as witness here to Thomas Mills *(Qual)* Attest

W. W. Manning
John E. Manning

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A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Mills Decedent is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Thomas Mills by the oath and examination of W W Manning and John E Manning the subscribing witnesseth thereto: Who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Mills