

Item First

I John H. Harris of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and Memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

Item Second

I devise my Executors hereinafter named to pay all of just debts and burial expenses out of the first money that comes into their hands.

I give and bequeath to my wife during her Natural life the part of the tract of land on which I now reside estimated to be about one hundred and twenty five acres and bounded as follows viz. beginning on road at a stump at the east end of Mill dam thence with said dam to west end of said dam thence due west to the Drake line thence with Drake line to William Morris line thence Morris line to Prince Harris land thence with Harris line to road thence down said road to the beginning, this being the said tract of land conveyed by contract to my wife before our marriage, and duly recorded in Nash County, and I further manifest that after the death of my said wife that the above parcel of land be sold by my Executors and the proceeds to be equally divided between my Grand Son Brises Bass and Emma Spruell and in the event of the death of Emma Spruell without issue then her share to be equally divided between all of Grand children except Brises Bass.

Item 3rd

I give and bequeath to my said wife all of the personal property on said tract of land named in item second, and after her death to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between Brises Bass and Emma Spruell upon the same terms as provided for the division of the above named real estate.

Item Fourth

I desire and require my Executors to sell all of the balance of my Real Estate and Personal property at public sale. Notwithstanding

of in this will and the proceeds to be equally divided between all of my Grand children or their legal representatives.

Item 5th

It is my desire and purpose that all of my solvent debts including notes and accounts be included in item the 4th.

Item 6th

It is my desire and request that no Guardian be appointed either for my minor Grand children or Emma Spruell, without consent or approval of my Executors.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends R. H. Rich and W. H. Whitehead Executors of my last will and Testament, and hereby revoke and disavow utterly null and void all other wills heretofore made by me.

Witness my hand and seal this the 17th day of October 1887.

J. H. Harris (Seal)

Witness

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W. H. Black

R. B. Marriell

W. H. Black

State of North Carolina, in the Superior Court of Nash County.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John H. Harris deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by R. H. Rich and W. H. Whitehead the Executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John H. Harris is proved by the oath and examination of R. B. Marriell and W. H. Black the Subscribing Witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and swear that he is a Subscribing Witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of said John H. Harris and that the said John H. Harris in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 17th

day of October 1889. And the deponent further saith that the said John H. Harris the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be his last will and testament and exhibited to be his last will and testament and the 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 the deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said John H. Harris 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 these deponents say not.

W. B. Merritt (Sud)  
W. H. Clark (Sud)

Severally sworn and  
subscribed this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1892  
before me

S. E. Cress  
J. C.

I, Bentley, Clerk of the County of Wilson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. That my executor or administrator shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts hereon and to whomsoever owing out of the first moneys that shall come into this hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item 1<sup>st</sup> I leave to my beloved wife Catherine, during her lifetime or widowhood my home tract of land lying and being in the County of Nash containing three hundred acres more or less, and if she shall remove her residence from said land, or sell her interest in it or shall lease it for a term of years in either case she shall forfeit all claims to it. I also leave to my beloved wife Catherine during her lifetime or widowhood all my personal property of every kind (after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses) and after her death or widowhood I give and devise said personal property to my son Daniel leave to him and his heirs forever. Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I leave to my daughter Sarah, widow of Bentley Medlin the lot of land which I bought of Enos Bunn lying near the Town of Wilson adjoining the lands of Benjamin F. Amorse. Mrs. Benjamin Hobbs and a lot which I have given my son Daniel leave in another clause of this will. Containing one acre more or less and after her death to her heirs forever. Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I leave to my son Daniel, leave one lot of land lying near the Town of Wilson known as the Bird lot, adjoining the lands of Mrs. Benjamin Hobbs & B. B. Blount and the lot left to my daughter Sarah Medlin in the second item in this will containing one and a half acres more or less and after his death to his heirs forever.