

State of North Carolina
Nash County

Thursday September 27th 1887

In the name of God Amen

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I Mourning Keadnick of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory but knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows:

- 1st I desire that my executor hereinafter named shall see that my body have a decent burial.
- 2nd I desire that all my just debts be paid out of my estate.
- 3rd I will and desire that my son John Rockley have one bed.
- 4th I will and desire that my daughter Sallie Vester have one bed.
- 5th I will and desire that my three daughters Sallie Vester Mary Ann Bryant and Julia Ann Warren have each one figured counterpane & blanket as good as new.
- 6th I will and desire that my executor pay to Horace Marion my son now in Texas two dollars in cash should he fail to demand it in two years then I desire that my son S. S. Keadnick to have the same.
- 7th I will to my beloved son S. S. Keadnick forty seven 3/4 acres of land known as one half of the Julia Warren tract of land adjoining the lands of S. S. Keadnick & others to him and his heirs forever.
- 8th I will and desire that my son S. S. Keadnick have all the remainder of my property of every description imposing implicit confidence in my beloved son S. S. Keadnick I appoint him my executor to this my last will and Testament date and day above written.

Witness
Geo. W. Lewis
W. C. Bass

} Mourning ^{for} Keadnick
made

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State of North Carolina } On the people's Court
Nash County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mourning Keadnick deceased is exhibited before me undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by S. S. Keadnick the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Mourning Keadnick by the oath and examination of Geo. W. Lewis and W. C. Bass the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and oath that he is a duly sworn witness to the paper writing now shown to him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mourning Keadnick that the said Mourning Keadnick in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which was shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 27th day of Sept 1887. And the deponent further saith that the said Mourning Keadnick the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as 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 said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Mourning Keadnick 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 that deponent say not.

Solemnly sworn and
subscribed this 10th day
of May 1887 before me
Geo. S. Morgan
Probate Judge

Geo. W. Lewis *(Seal)*
W. C. Bass *(Seal)*