

doth depose and say and each for him-
self 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 Jesse H. Drake that the said Jesse H. Drake
in the presence of this deponent subscribed his
name at the end of said paper writing which
is now shown as aforesaid and which bears
date of the 29th day of March 1874 and the de-
ponent further saith that the said Jesse H.
Drake 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 this deponent did thereupon subscribe
his name at the end of said will as an at-
testing witness thereto and at the request and
in the presence of the said testator and this
deponent further saith that at the time when the
said testator subscribed his name to said
last will as aforesaid and at the time of
the deponent subscribing his name as an at-
testing witness thereto as aforesaid the said Jesse
H. Drake 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

Saml. D. Matthews (Seal)
John H. Griffin (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of

Benj. H. Gonsby

Probate Judge

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State of North Carolina Nash County

I Mourning Joyner of the County and State
aforesaid being of sound mind and memory
but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence
do make constitute ordain and declare this paper
writing to be my last will and testament in
manner and form as follows that is to say
I first give bequeath and devise to my nephew
William T. Griffin after my death my tract
of land lying in Nash County on the waters of
Pole Cat Branch adjoining the lands of
Daughtridge the heirs of Jack Mosley & others
said to contain one hundred and fifty acres
I also ~~bequeath~~ and bequeath to my said
nephew William T. Griffin after my death
all my personal property and effects of every kind
and description whatever I am and lawfully make
constitute and appoint my said nephew Wm.
T. Griffin to be my lawful heir and executor
to this my last will and testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on
this the 27th day of June 1874

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Attest

John C. Harper
Morrell P. Walker

Mourning Joyner
Mand

State of N. Carolina }
Nash County } In the Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and tes-
tament of Mourning Joyner deceased is exhib-
ited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said
County by W. T. Griffin the executor therein named, and the
due execution thereof by the said Mourning Joyner by the
 oath and examination of J. C. Harper & M. P. Walker
the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly
sworn doth depose and say and each for him-
self 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 Mourning Joyner that
said Mourning Joyner in the presence of the

deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 27 day of June 1874 and the deponent further saith that the said Mournin Joyner the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her 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 her name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Mournin Joyner 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 Signed Read and delivered in the presence of

Benj N. Dorsey
Probate Judge

J. C. Hopper Seal
W. P. Walker Seal

In the name of almighty god the 3rd day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven I Bluford Williamson of the State of North Carolina and County of Nash being of perfect sound mind and memory but calling to mind that it is appointed to man once to die do make this my last will and testament that is to say I gave my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends with respect to my worldly estate to be disposed of as follows to wit - It is my will and desire that all my just debts be first paid then first I lend to my beloved wife Mournin Williamson all the land that I am possessed of and all the personal and perishable property that I am possessed of to have and hold her natural life and at her death to be disposed of as follows then and I give to my beloved son James S. Williamson fifty dollars in addition to what he has received then 3rd I give to my beloved son John W. Williamson fifty dollars in addition to what he has received then 4th I give to my grand son William Lammie ten dollars at the death of my wife Mournin Williamson all of the land and other property which I am possessed of except that the property which I have procured of to be equally divided between my two daughters Mary A. Williamson and L. A. Williamson to have and to hold to them and their heirs and assigns forever I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusted friend John Ross my lawful executor to this my last will and testament in writing whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written Signed Seal and delivered in the presence of

Witnesses
J. A. Dozier
W. S. Boist

Bluford Williamson (Seal)