

as attesting Witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator and these Deponents 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 the Deponents subscribing their names as attesting Witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Seely Wood 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 severally sworn and subscribed this 4th day of September 1882 before me

R. N. Strickland and
P. A. Sorsby Probate Judge Allison, Strickland and

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In the name of God Amen

I Ruffin Vick of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following viz: First it is my will and desire that after my decease that a decent burial be prepared for my body by my executor herein after named and also my just debts if any should be outstanding at my death shall first be paid after my burial expense, then I leave unto my beloved wife Synthia the tract of land which I now reside in Nash County State of North Carolina adjoining U. C. and others containing sixty four acres more or less during her natural life or widowhood and after her death marriage to remain to Nancy Jane wife of H. V. Joyner in fee simple for ever. Item I leave all my personal property of what ever kind to my beloved wife Synthia during her life and after her death or marriage to remain to Nancy Jane wife of H. V. Joyner for ever. Item I appoint my beloved wife Synthia my State executor to this my last Will and Testament I testify whereof I have hereunto

Set my hand and seal this 16th day of Feb A.D. 1882

Witnesses) Harris, Boykin seal
by request) McBrantly seal

State of North Carolina in the Probate Court Nash County a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ruffin Vick deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by Synthia Vick the decedent thereon named and the due execution thereof by the said Ruffin Vick by the oath and examination of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing Witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last Will and Testament of Ruffin Vick that the said Ruffin Vick in the presence of these Deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and bears date of the 16th day of Feb 1882 and the Deponents further saith that the said Ruffin Vick the testator aforesaid did 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 Witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator and these Deponents further saith that the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the Deponents subscribing their names as attesting Witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Ruffin Vick 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 severally sworn and subscribed this 14th day of October 1882 before me Benj. H. Sorsby Probate Judge

Harris, Boykin seal

McBrantly seal

State of North Carolina County of Nash

I John W. Odum of the 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 first That my executors hereafter named shall prepare for my body a decent burial suitable to wishes of relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my first debts to whom sum owing out of the monies that may first come into their hands as to part as paid of my estate I now give and devise to my beloved wife Thirby and my beloved Children John, N. Odum Sarah, E. Odum, Emeline, Odum, Eliza, Odum, Elijah, Odum and Jefferson, Odum all my real mixed and personal property of every kind in common for their use, benefit and support during her life (Thirby Odum) natural life or widowhood

Then it is my will and desire at the death of my beloved wife that all my real estate be equally divided between all my Children and that all my personal and mixed property be divided as above stated if it can be done without a sale to be divided in like manner sold to the highest bidder after careful advertisement and the proceeds arising from said sale to be divided in like manner Then it is my will and desire that if any of my children should die without a lawful heir his or her share shall be equally divided between my surviving heirs and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons John, N. Odum and Elijah Odum my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every clause and part thereof in Witness whereof I the J. W. Odum do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of October AD 1882 J. W. Odum seal signed sealed and declared by the said John W. Odum to be his last Will and Testament in presence of J. P. Perkins, Joseph, Vick, Elijah, Odum

State of North Carolina in the Probate Court

Nash County a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John W. Odum deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned judge of Probate for said County by J. N. Odum and Elijah Odum the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said J. W. Odum by the oath and examination of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing Witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last Will and Testament of J. W. Odum that the said J. W. Odum in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and heard date of the 7th day of October 1882 and the deponents further say that the said J. W. Odum the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be 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 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 subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting Witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said J. W. Odum 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 severally sworn and subscribed this 15th day Nov 1882 before me, Perry, N. County Probate Judge

J. P. Perkins seal
Joseph, Vick seal
Elijah, Odum seal