

Subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Paul Barnes. That the said Paul 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 deponents further say that the said Paul 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 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 deponents subscribing ^{their} names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Paul 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 T. Griffin (Seal)
A. W. Bridges (Seal)

Personally Sworn and
Subscribed, This
the 23^d day of October
1885 before me
John Morgan
Post Office Judge

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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 1st my Executor hereinafter mentioned I shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all toward expenses, together with my just debts and whomever ever owing out of the first money that may first come into his hands or part or parcel of my estate 1st 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 do all intent and purpose this my last will and Testament according to the meaning of the same, Whereof I Thomas Mills hereunto set my hand and Seal, This the 3rd of August 1885. I declare this to be my last will and Testament. I subscribe our hands as witness here to Thomas ^{his} Mills (Seal)
Attest

W. W. Manning
John E. Manning

State of North Carolina } ss. On the Post Office Court
Nash County }

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Mills deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Post Office 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 witnesses thereto. Who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposes 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

that the said Thomas Mills 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 2nd day of August 1888 and the deponents further say that the said Thomas Mills 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 aforesaid in witness whereof, 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 their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Thomas Mills 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.

W. W. Manning (Seal)
John E. Manning (Seal)

Severally Sworn and
Subscribed, This 3rd
Day of November
1888 before me
J. J. Morgan
Probate Judge

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State of North Carolina
Nash County

Know all men I John E. Matthews being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

- 1st That my Executor hereinafter named shall collect all rents, profits and accounts which shall be due me, and that they shall sell as much of my property as may be necessary to pay my just debts including my burial expenses.
- 2^d I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Matthews all of my property of every description, Real Personal & Mixed, of whatever nature or kind it may be to have and to hold and to use as she chooses during the term of her natural life subject only to the provisions above made for paying my just debts.
- 3^d That after the death of my wife Nancy Matthews or in case I shall survive her, after my death, that is to say, after the death of both myself and wife, my Executor, hereafter named, shall sell to the highest bidder, on such terms as they shall deem best, after proper advertisement for thirty days, all the property of every description belonging to my estate, real, personal, and mixed, including all equities and overplus which may belong thereto, and that they shall divide the proceeds of such sale equally among the following named of my children, to wit: my son John A. Matthews, my son Jackson E. Matthews, my son John E. Matthews, my son Robert R. Matthews, my son Charles R. Matthews, and my daughter Julia Batchelor, or among their representatives or assigns.
- 4th Believing that in advances already made and expenses paid by me for them, my sons W. H. H. Matthews, B. J. Matthews and Wiley P. Matthews have already received as much of my estate as they deserve, I give them as part of my property,