

J Benson Starnes. Last Will and Testament.

Last Will and Testament of
J B Starnes.

In the name of God Amen

I J B Starnes of Union County and State of North Carolina Being of Sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my Last will and testament in named following

I will and bequeeth to my wife Margaret Malissa Starnes four hundred and Eight Acres of Land the home place where I now resid Bound on the West by the Rocky River Road John H Belks line on the East By Estate lands of D B Plylor and C A Plylor and others and also fifty three Acres of land more or less adjoining the home place C N Simpson and others the above mentoned lands is willed to my wife M Malissa Starnes during her life time and at her death to to be Equally divided between my five children which are now living Mary Francis & Baxter Leroy & Roley Posten & Jimney Ester & Talitha I will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Malissa Starnes my entire estate of personal property consisting of Thouse hold and kitchen furniture Stock horses mules and entire estate all other personal property such as Notes accounts and mortgages and soon and that she my wife M M Starnes Settles all claimers against my Estate I ordain and constitute said Margaret Malissa Starnes and Mark E. Starnes Executors of my Estate

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 5 day of June Eighteen hundred and ninety one

my Estate I ordain and constitute said Margret Malissa Starnes
and Mark E. Starnes Executors of my Estate

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 5 day of
June Eighteen hundred and ninety one

Sign Sealed & Acknowledged by the said J. B. Starnes as his last will

In testement in presence of us who and in the presence of J. B. Starnes and in the
presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names

Test

J. Benson Starnes Seal

W. L. Belk

Sarah J. Moser

State of North Carolina,

Union County, ss. In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of J. Benson Starnes,
deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of Court for said
County, by M. M. Starnes and M. E. Starnes the executors therein mentioned,
and the due execution thereof by the said J. Benson Starnes is proven
before me by the oath and examination of W. L. Belk and Sarah J. Moser
the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and
say, each for himself, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing
now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of J. Benson
Starnes; that the said J. Benson Starnes in his presence subscribed his
name at the end of said paper-writing and which bears date of the

I Benson Starnes Last Will and Testament
 5th day of June 1891. That he said, I Benson Starnes did at the time of
 subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be his
 Last Will and Testament, and that he 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, that at the time the said testator
 subscribed his name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time
 he subscribed his name as a witness thereto, the said, I Benson Starnes
 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 the deponent. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing
 and every part and clause thereof is the Last Will and Testament
 of I Benson Starnes, deceased, and ordered that the same be recorded
 and that Letters Testamentary be issued to M M Starnes and M E Starnes
 the Executors therein named, who thereupon take the oath prescribed by
 law and Letters Testamentary are issued to them. This 27th day of June, 1891.
 J. H. Wolfe, C.S.C.

Mary J. Sells Last Will and Testament