

October the 30th day 1871

In the name of god amen I Hiram Holmes of the County of Johnson and State of North Carolina being of Sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be god) do this the 30th day of October in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred and Seventy one do make and publish this my will and testament in the manner following, that is to say first I give and bequeath my wife Susan C. Holmes all of my lands her natural life time or widowhood and her to deal out the lands to John S. Holmes, Joseph H. Holmes, Timothy W. Holmes, Susan J. Holmes, Martha E. Holmes as called for as James W. Holmes and Sarah A. Norris, Jesse B. Holmes has had their part of land and all. So I give to my wife all of my personal property her life time or widowhood.

And I hereby make and ordain my wife Susan C. Holmes executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Hiram Holmes have to this my last will and testament. Let my hand and Seal the day and year written above.

{Signature and Seal}

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Hiram Holmes the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of Signing and Sealing thereof

{Signed by James G. Rainer and John Holmes, Jr.}

Proven November 28, 1872 in Johnston County Probate Court by Probate Judge, P. T. Massey

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