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Julia A. Lyles Will
State of North Carolina
Northampton County

I, Julia A. Lyles 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 the manner and form following – that is to say

First that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my beloved husband one hundred and twenty eight (128) acres of land whereon I now live including all houses and other improvements to have and to hold to him John T. Lyles for and during the term of his natural life, in satisfaction for and in lieu of his interest in my real estate. After the death of my said husband John T. Lyles I give and bequeath Whalan Mason Cleaton (sp) Britt, the son of Joseph T. Britt thirty (30) acres to be set by metes and bounds (?) in the tract of land whereon I live, running from J. T. Britt's line in Patties Delight Swamp six acres west (?) and five acres across (?) so as to include my mansion and all out houses in the cwter (?) with all other improvements, to have and to hold to him the said W. M. C. Britt for and during the term of his natural life, and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item I give and bequesth the remainder of my real estate to be equally divided between Florence A. Britt John T. Britt Ada Britt and Charlie O. Britt children of Joseph T. Britt to have and to hold unto them their heirs in fee simple forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend B. F. Martin, my lawful executor to all interests and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true interest and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Julia A. Lyles do hereby set my hand and seal, this 28th day of August 1888.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the said Julia A. Lyles to be her last
will and testament in the presence of us, who
at her request and in her presence do subscribe
our names as witnesses.

B. F. Martin
J. T. C. Martin

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Julia A. X Lyles
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In the Superior
Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Julia A. Lyles deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned clerk of the Superior Court of said county by B. F. Martin the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Julia A. Lyles by the oath and examination of B. F. Martin who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Julia A. Lyles that the said Julia A. Lyles in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 28th day of August 1888.

And the deponent further saith that the said Julia A. Lyles 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 therefore subscribed 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 deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Julia A. Lyles 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 of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

B. F. Martin { seal }
J. T. C. Martin { seal }