

Nov 23^d, 1869

I, Daniel Shaw of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following-

- First: That my executors hereinafter named shall provide for the decent burial of my body and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part and parcel of my estate.
- Second: My will and desire is that the Middle and Ingham tracts of land on the White Hall road and the McMillan tract of land on the Middle Swamp and a tract of land of my own entry near Swindles mill each of the above tracts of land containing one hundred acres more or less shall be disposed of as my executors may deem proper for the equal benefit of my heirs at law.
- Third: My will and desire is that all my stock of four horses, cows, hogs, sheep, tools, wagons, carts and all my perishable property shall be divided equal among all my heirs at law in manner and form as follows: That those of my heirs who have had cattle in their possession shall be charged with the same in the general pro rata distribution.
- Fourth: My will and desire is that Charles Melvin (colored) shall retain and keep in his possession the two cows and calves and on which he has had and now has so long as the said Charles Melvin continues to act and be industrious as he has heretofore done subject to the supervision of James A. Elkins.
- And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint James A. Elkins and A. J. Formee Executors to this my last will and testament.
- Daniel Shaw

Signed in the presence of
H. C. McCollum
D. McCollum
D. F. Shaw

Codicil

Whereas I, Daniel Shaw, have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 23^d day of November A.D. 1869 and have thereby made sundry bequests and bequests according to the existing circumstances having now something more I make this to be added as a codicil. It is my will and desire that my railroad stock consisting of thirty shares be equally divided between my six heirs to have and to hold the same as their property.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1st day of December A.D. 1869.

Signed in the presence of
H. C. McCollum
D. F. Shaw

Daniel Shaw 

The word children was erased by me and the word heirs inserted. (This word was scratched)
December 1st 1869

Test
H. C. McCollum
D. F. Shaw

Daniel Shaw.

State of North Carolina, In Probate Court
Bladen County, January 3^d A.D. 1870
A. J. Formedural comes into court and renounces his executorship of the last will and testament of Daniel Shaw, decd.
And thereupon a paper writing bearing date

to be the last will and testament of Daniel Shaw, decd. is offered in court by James A. Elkins, one of the executors therein named, and the said will is duly proved by the oaths of N. C. McCollum and D. F. Shaw and thereupon James A. Elkins was duly qualified as executor of the said will.

It is therefore considered that the said paper writing and all parts thereof is the last will and testament of Daniel Shaw and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

D. Blue,
Judge of Probate.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Jesse B. Wiggins, of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Item 1st. I request that my body shall be buried with becoming christian ceremonies and that my funeral expenses for the same shall be paid.

Item 2nd. I hereby create, constitute and appoint my friend John W. Ellis trustee to and for my wife Lucy Wiggins and my daughter Mary Eliza Wiggins and Daniel W. Mears to hold in trust and for the use and benefit of my said wife and daughter and Daniel W. Mears all of my estate and property of every kind and description subject to the following limitations and directions.

Item 3rd. It is my will and desire that John W. Ellis herein created trustee as aforesaid shall hold all of my estate and property of every kind and description for the sole use

and benefit of my wife and daughter and Daniel W. Mears for their joint support and maintenance, keeping the same together and that they shall enjoy the use thereof and from the rents, issues, profits, products and fruits arising therefrom; that my said wife and daughter and Daniel W. Mears shall be supported so far as the same may be sufficient, they living together and striving to prosper in life.

Item 4th. It is my will and desire that John W. Ellis trustee as aforesaid, shall upon the marriage of my daughter Mary Eliza Wiggins on her arrival at twenty-one years of age cause to be paid to her in money or property fairly valued by three disinterested freeholders the sum of three hundred dollars, which sum shall discharge all interest to her in the trust herein created.

Item 5th. It is my will and desire that after the three hundred dollars to my daughter Mary Eliza shall have been paid to her upon her marriage or coming of age that the said John W. Ellis trustee shall hold the remainder of my estate and property of every kind to the joint use of my wife and Daniel W. Mears, and that they shall have, use and enjoy all the benefits and profits arising therefrom.

Item 6th. I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend Malcom McLeod my executor to this my last will and testament with full power and authority to carry out and execute every provision of the same.

In witness of the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of N. C. McCollum and John D. Woody who in my presence and in the presence of each other and at my request have signed the same as witnesses.

Jesse B. Wiggins. (Seal)

In the presence of Jesse B. Wiggins the maker of the foregoing last will and test.