

Jonas Hoffman being of sound mind and disposing memory but mindful of the uncertainty of life do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows to-wit

First I direct that my executor hereinafter named give my body decent Christian burial in the Lutheran grave yard in Dallas Mo. and pay all burial expenses and all my just debts out of the first money that may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Frances and to my son Owen the house and lot in Dallas in which we now live also the four lots back of the house known as the garden lots - also joining them the Tangard lot of four acres and also the four acres south of this bought from G F Brown and also the tract of land near Dallas on the Goshwin road and Robinson branch known as the Grove tract containing about forty acres & also the two lots near the public school house and the small house thereon in which my son W^m C.

Hoffman recently lived all in fee with right of survivorship in case either of them

Should die without issue surviving and also all my stock of hogs Mule horses Cows & all the grain and provisions of every kind on hand at my death and also all my household and Kitchen furniture of all kinds and all farming tools wagons buggies and implements of every kind used in and about said farms and houses also with right of survivorship as provided for said real estate.

Third. I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret McKee and to my son William C. Hoffman Fifty Dollars each if there shall be sufficient found coming to my estate to pay the same and the other cash bequests herein made I have in my life time given them two of my children a mortgage on the lands of G. W. McKee in Louisiana which has been satisfactorily adjusted between them and I have made other advances to make them equal shares in my estate.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my son L. M. Hoffman Two shares of the stock of Boston College

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face value One thousand dollars.

Fifth I give devise and bequeath to my son
Fisher Hoffman about 150 acres of land
on which he now lives being lot No 2 of the
Smyre place as laid off by Rufus Day as
may be found plotted among my papers
to hold the same in fee also Two shares of
Stock of Dallas Cotton Mills of face value of \$200
and also Two hundred dollars in Cash if there
shall be sufficient funds coming to my estate
to pay the same and the other Cash bequests
herein made

Sixth I give devise and bequeath to my son L.P.L.
Hoffman about 144 acres of land on which he now
lives being lot No 1 of the Smyre tract as laid
off by said Rufus Day to hold the same in fee
except one acre sold off.

Seventh I give devise and bequeath to my daughter
Alice Rhodes one lot of half acre in Dues
near George R Raulings joining the lot of G.W. Diller
and also Six shares of stock of Dallas Cotton Mills
and one share of the stock of Boston College

Eighth: I give devise and bequeath to my son Robt G Hoffman the farm on which he now lives known as the McKee place on Big Long Creek containing about 97 acres in fee also lot shares of stock in the Dallas Cotton Mills and also Two Hundred Dollars in Cash if sufficient funds shall come to my estate to pay the same and the other cash bequests herein made.

Ninth I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Mattie Hoffman about 120 acres of land of the Snyre tract known as Lot No 3 as plotted by the aforesaid Rufus Lay except about 20 acres heretofore sold, to hold the same in fee also Fifty Dollars in Cash if there be sufficient funds coming to my estate to pay the same and the other cash bequests herein made.

Tenth: I give and bequeath to my son Percie Hoffman the remainder of my stock in Boston College.

Eleventh I give devise and bequeath to my grand-daughter Julia Rhynes the tract of about 16 acres of land near Big Long Creek

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bought by me from Jarvis Stone.

Twelfth It is my will that all the rest and
residue of my estate be divided equally
among my children share and share alike
and if there be not sufficient property to
satisfy all the bequests and devises I will
that said devises and bequests be charged
and abate in proportion to the value thereof

Thirteenth I hereby revoke and set aside all
other wills heretofore made by me and I
appoint my son L M Hoffman executor of this
will to carry out the provisions hereof accord-
ing to the true intent and meaning thereof

Fourthteenth I hereby declare that I am not
indebted to any of the devisees or legatees herein
nor financially responsible for any of their dealings
and if any one of them should claim any
indebtedness from my estate made prior hereto
or on account of any transactions or dealings hereto-
fore had or shall contest the probate and
execution of this will such devisee or legatee
shall have no share of my estate under this

will or otherwise.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 27th day of January 1899

James Hoffman Seal

Signed Sealed and published and declared to be
his last will and Testament by James Hoffman
the testator in our presence and we have
signed the same as witnesses at his request
and in his presence and in the presence of
each other

E E Sumner
J H Jenkins

North Carolina 2
Gordon County 3

By this Codicil to the above will I now make and
declare my further will that is whereas my
son L P L Hoffman has since the execution of said
will died leaving three little girls his children
and whereas in his life time with his consent
I conveyed to L M Hoffman the tract of land
devised to him and so secured the said

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L M Hoffman to advance to said L P L Hoffman
about seven hundred dollars now I hereby revoke
and set aside the sixth item of said will
whereby I devise said tract of land to said
L P L Hoffman and it is my will and in-
tention to make and render null said item
and all other provisions of said will whereby
any property was given to my said son
L P L Hoffman and I will and direct the said
L M Hoffman who is also appointed my executor
to sell said land at public or private sale as
he may deem best and out of the proceeds
pay first any and all money remaining due
to him from said L P L Hoffman and any
expense attached then he shall from the proceeds
if same is sufficient pay to each of the
children of said L P L Hoffman the three little
girls above mentioned the sum of two hundred
dollars each or to such of them as may be living
and if there remains anything more the
same shall be equally divided among my

Children mentioned in the foregoing will
Witness my hand and seal this 18th day October
1900

Jonas Hoffman 

Signed, sealed published and declared to be his
last will and testament by the testator Jonas
Hoffman in our presence and we have at
his request signed this as witnesses in his
presence and in the presence of each other
- the same being as he declared a Codicil
to his former will

This 18th October 1900

J. R. Lewis
M^r Coroner

State of North Carolina }
Gaston County - } In the Superior Court

In the Matter of the last Will of Jonas Hoffman
It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination
of E. B. Sumner, J. R. Lewis, M^r Coroner and J. H. Jenkins

State of North Carolina }
Gaston County - } In The Superior Court

In the Matter of the lost Will of Jonas Hoffman
It appearing to the Court by the oath and Examination
of E. B. Summey, J. R. Lewis, M. A. Carpenter and J. H. Jenkins
the Subscribing witnesses thereto that the paper writing
propounded by the Executor therein named is
the lost Will and Testament of Jonas Hoffman and
that the same was duly executed by said Jonas
Hoffman in the presence of said witnesses and
that at the time of signing the same the
said Jonas Hoffman was of sound mind

It is thereupon adjudged that the said
paper writing be admitted to probate as the
lost will and Testament of the said Jonas
Hoffman and the Executor therein named qualify
as such

This the 14th day of September 1901

C. C. Cornwell
Clerk Superior Court