

As the last will and testament of Ezekiel Gurley dec'd
G. M. Flaw Probate Judge

Last Will and Testament of Ephram W. Secrest

State of North Carolina } 7th day of May 1870
Union County }

I Ephram W. Secrest, In the name of God Amen.

I Ephram W. Secrest of the County of Union and
State of North Carolina, being of the age of Sixty One
years, and being weak in body, but of sound mind
and memory, calling to mind, that it is appointed
once for all men to die, do make publish and
declare, this to be my last will and Testament, in
manner and form following (viz)

I give my soul to God, who gave it, and my body to
Return to dust,

It is my will and desire, that after my death, that
my body be buried, in a decent and Christian like
manner, suitable to the wishes of my friends and
relations, and that my funeral expenses be paid
together with all my just debts out of the first money

Last Will and Testament of Ephraim M. Secrest cont
 that may come into the hands of my Executor or
 Administrator herein after appointed,
 I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eliza
 M. Secrest, all my property both Real and
 Personal, and of every description, for and
 during her natural life, or so long as she
 may remain my widow, and to be kept by her,
 in case she chooses to marry, and in that case, she
 is to have, only one third of my property, and
 the other two thirds be divided according to the
 will, otherwise she takes by the will for and
 used by my wife, and at my wife's death
 it is my will that all my property left
 with my wife be sold to the highest
 bidder by my Executor or administrator
 and the proceeds to be Equally divided
 amongst my Children, namely,
 Leroy S. Secrest, Serephtha E. who entered
 with Jesse M. Benton, Elmira A. who entered
 with George L. Benton, Popanah
 S. who entered with R. M. Morse, and
 their legal Representatives,
 It is my will and desire that my grand daughter

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married with George D. Benton, Roxana
S. who is married with R. M. Morse, and
their legal Representatives.

It is my will and desire that my grand daughter
Mary E. Secrest a daughter of my son John A.
Secrest have all the property of her mother which
is in my possession, consisting of two bedsteads and
bed clothing, one wheel, one side saddle &c. to be
her own property.

Item 3rd

It is my will and desire that my Executor pay
to Q. B. Robison a Note which he holds against
my son A. J. Secrest, for about Eighty Dollars, or
thereabouts, made payable to the said Q. B.
Robison's sister, which I agreed to pay, or so
much as I agreed to pay, which was agreed
on by the parties concerned.

Item 4th

I will and bequeath all my Interest what ever
it may be of the tract of Land whereon my
son Andrew J. Secrest lived on, being the same
tract that his widow now lives on to the
Children of my son Andrew J. Secrest, Nancy
J. B. Secrest, Ambrose A. Secrest and Hephata
Secrest, to them and their legal Representatives.

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 Last Will and Testament of Ephraim M. Secret Continued
 And Lastly I do here by constitute and nominate my ^{son} Leroy S.
 Secret, my true and Lawfull Executor, to all intents and
 purposes, with full power to collect all debts due to me
 and to do all other acts herein required to be done in order
 to carry this my last ^{will} into effect, hereby declining all other
 wills made by me heretofore null and void.

In testimony whereof I do here by subscribe my
 name hereunto, this the 7th day of May 1870

Signed sealed and published

E. M. Secret

Seal

to be my last will and

Testament in the presence of

W. H. Simpson

A. J. Secret

State of North Carolina

Union County

This the 4th of May 1871
 Then the foregoing paper writing was offered for Probate
 and the due Execution was proven by the Oaths of W. H.
 Simpson and A. J. Secret, and Ordered to be recorded
 as the last will and Testament of E. M. Secret.

G. M. F. Low, Probate Judge

Last Will and Testament of David Thomas