

Elisha Richardson. Will

I Elisha Richardson of the County of Ashe & State of N.C. being of sound mind memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form that is to say, first that my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends & pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts. however & to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Alice Richardson one bed & furniture and with all the articles she fetched of her own at the time of said marriage, and all the clothing she has made since.

Item

I cut of Jesse Perry with what I have gave him here tofore as his full part of my estate forever.

Item

I give & devise to Jesse Perry's son Elisha an equal part of my estate with the rest of my heirs and him to divide equal with the rest of his brothers & sisters to hold to him & his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item

My will & desire is that all the residue of my estate if any after paying out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold & the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debt expenses & legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided & paid over to my said wife & all my children in equal portions share & share alike.

& each and every of them their executors &
 administrators assigns absolutely forever
 & lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint
 my true friend Henry Richardson & Eliza
 Richardson my lawful executors to all
 intents and purposes to execute this
 my last will & testament according
 to the true intent & meaning of the
 same, and my last & clear intent
 hereby writing & declaring, utterly
 void all other wills & testaments by me
 heretofore made in writing or otherwise
 & the said Eliza Richardson do here
 unto set my hand & seal, this 30th
 day of April 1855
 signed sealed published & declared
 by the said Eliza Richardson to be
 his last will & testament in the
 presence of us who at his request
 in his presence for our names,
 as witnesses thereto.

Just

Eliza Richardson

Seneca Higgins

Spencer from Just

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas &
 Ashe County } Quarter Session
 August Term 1854

The within will was duly proven in open
 Court by the oath of Spencer from one of
 the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be
 Recorded.

Just. Pleasant Clark