

Last Will of John Stamper

North Carolina }
 Ashe County }

I John Stamper of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament.

1st My executor herein after mentioned shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all just debts out of the first money which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

2nd I want all of my lands where I now live sold privately if it can be sold for fifteen dollars pr acre. If it can't be sold for fifteen dollars pr acre. I want it sold at public auction to the highest bidder six months after my death. It is to be advertised and sold. One fifth of the purchase money to be paid on day of sale. One half of the remainder to be paid in twelve months and the remainder in eighteen months with interest from date the purchaser is to give bond and good security for the payment of said debts and the land is to stand good for the purchase money.

I will that my beloved wife Sarah Stamper shall have two hundred dollars out of money my land is sold for. and Perry Sanyus my granddaughter shall have two hundred dollars out of the said money that the lands brings. I will that my daughter Betsy Stamper shall have one hundred dollars out of the remainder of the money that my land is sold for. If there is any remainder is to be equally divided between my wife Sarah Stamper

and my granddaughter Perry Sanyus I have decided to my daughter Betsy Stamper forty acres of land heretofore the land I give her and the one hundred dollars that I will her makes her equal portion.

I will that my wife Sarah Stamper is to have one dark colt col by the name of beggar seven years old. I will that the rest of my personal property be sold at public auction thirty days after my death on six months time. all of my indebtedness is to be paid out of the money that my personal property is sold for and after my debts is paid if any surplus it is to be equally divided between my wife and grand daughter Perry Sanyus. I will that wife is to have her bed that she brought to my house and one of my bed slide bed and bed clothing one large oven and small pot. I will my daughter Betsy Stamper is to have one bed bed stool and clothing that is up in the loft. and a large wash pot. I will that my grand daughter Perry Sanyus is to have one bed stool known as the Testament bed stool. The rest of my household and kitchen furniture to be sold at public auction thirty days after my death. I will that my wife have one year support out of the growing crop that is now on the land or may be at my death and the remainder sold. I will that if I pop away before the present crop is made that my flock of cattle shall be kept on the place until the crop is made then to be sold. I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend J. E. Gambrell my lawful go to all intents and purposes to write this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I the said John Stamper do hereunto set my hand & seal this 5th day of July, 1890.

John X Stamper
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signed sealed published declared by the said John Stamper to be his last will and testament. In the presence of we who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
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 S. J. Pugh
 John M. Pierce

State of North Carolina Ashe County

In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John Stamper dec is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of probate for said County by J. E. Gambrell the Ex. Thim mentioned and the one execution thereof by the said John Stamper by the oath and examination of S. J. Pugh & John M. Pierce the subscribing witnesses who being duly sworn ask before and say and each for himself depose and say, that he is a witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will of John Stamper as that the said John Stamper in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 5th day of July, 1890. And the deponent further says that the said John Stamper the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be his last will and testament. And this deponent did thereupon subscribe 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 says that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said John Stamper was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and

not under any constraint to the knowledge information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say, that not

S. J. Pugh (S)
 Sincerely sworn and subscribed John M. Pierce (S)
 This 24th day of July, 1890
 before me
 J. M. Dickson C. L.

Last Will of John Vany

In the name of God Amen

I John H. Vany of Ashe County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and knowing the shortness of life and the certainty of death, I do make and establish this my last will and testament

- 1st my wishes is that my remains be put away decent and paid for out of my means.
- 2nd That all just debts against me be paid off out of my means if any.
- 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one bay mare & colt known as the Wiley Pony mare and a head of sheep and all the hogs that are colled mine this property to belong to her and her children
- 4th I give to my wife Emily Vany the bed and stool and furniture one cupboard that sits in the sitting room and cook stove and utensils Three lead bottom chairs One large looking glass the bed named in this item is the bed I lay on this property named in the 4th item is to belong to my wife as long as she lives or remains my widow then it falls back to my children
- 5th I will to my children all the remainder of my estate to be divided equal among them with what they have already had. And I appoint my two sons my executors to wit James H. Vany & Wiley S. Vany of this my will & testament given under my hand and seal. Witness the 5th 1885

Witness
 Horace B. Miller
 Jare Miller

John H. Vany (S)