

Will of Johnathon Perkins

I Johnathon Perkins of the County of Leno and State of North Carolina. Do make and publish this my first and last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say

1st It is my will that my funeral shall be conducted without any unnecessary parade and that my body have a plain decent burial and that the expenses thereof with my just debts be fully paid
 2nd I will to my son Wm J Perkins four hundred & two acres of land be the same more or less including the home residence and mill. Bounded as follows beginning on a water oak walnut and hickamore on the bank of big hollow a corner of Williams E Perkins land south with said W. E. Perkins line 30 poles to a hickory on the top of the ridge south 81 west with said line 14 poles to a cypress south 78 west with said line & the top of the ridge 118 poles to a hickory south 76 west 58 poles with said line to three dogwood trees then northward down the ridge to a beach at the mouth of the mill branch where I turn a crop mill race north 30 west 23 poles to a dead chestnut & maple north 48 70 32 poles to a beach & birch on the south side of Hutton Creek north 20 poles to a chestnut on the north side of Hutton and near the mouth of Holins Creek north 28 west with the wagon road 64 poles to a white oak sapling near said road north 38 west 54 poles to a large white oak at the fork of the road that leads to Holins Creek north 54 east 11 poles to a hickory where the school house stands north 15 E. 16 poles to a stake north 65 E. 9 poles to a lynn near Holins Creek north 52 E. 14 poles to Blackoak north 14 70 10 poles to white oak north 52 E. 28 poles to white oak on top of knob east 18 poles to white oak north 41 E. 64 poles to cypress near the mill north 20 E. 48 poles to two chestnuts down at cypress spring then four north 70 E. 25 poles to chestnut north 27 E. 10 poles to chestnut oak deadwood Kilby's corner on the top ridge south 28 poles to white oak Kilby's corner south 42 E. 32 poles to hickory Kilby's and W. E. Perkins corner 44 with W. E. Perkins line 22 poles to a stake south 8 E. 40 poles to hickory south 41 E. 24 poles to stake south 40 E. with said W. E. line 30 poles to stake

south 40 E. 16 poles to chestnut south 65 E. 15 poles cypress & black gum south 53 E. with W. E. Perkins line 10 poles to chestnut south 78 E. 18 poles to chestnut & dogwood south 55 E. 32 poles to black gum south 60 E. 28 poles to white oak south 27 W. 30 poles to white oak & cypress south 21 W. 40 poles to white oak south 26 W. 32 poles to water near the branch W. E. Perkins south 20 W. 24 poles to the beginning I give the above described 410 acres of land to the said Wm J Perkins at four thousand dollars. One thousand out of the four thousand I will to the said W. S. Perkins for the maintenance of my dear wife Catherine Perkins during her natural life so that she will not want for any thing that is necessary for her comfort the remaining three thousand dollars will be put charged to Wm J Perkins in a small blank book with my name printed on the back wherein I keep my accts against my children each child will be found charged in that book with the amounts they have received

3rd I will to my wife Catherine Perkins one hundred dollars in cash also any of the live stock horses cows or any live stock she may wish to keep which shall be kept on the old home farm free of charge she is not to require more than two horses & two cows I also will to my dear wife all the household and kitchen furniture if she requests it. I should my wife Catherine Perkins should become in any way neglected and should request it for her comfort she is at liberty by this to have a dower laid off out of the within described lands so as to include the old home place and retain it during her natural life then to revert back to the said W. S. Perkins if the remainder of my Estate and effects to be disposed of in such a manner as to make my five children all equal also my grand daughter Bessie Carson to have an equal share with my five children her schooling and clothing as desired and should Bessie Carson die before she comes of lawful age her portion of my Estate to revert back and be paid by her Guardian to my five children so as to make all equal I appoint W. S. Perkins guardian for Bessie Carson he is not to be required to pay more than 4 percent interest on the money from the time it comes into his hands I also appoint William E. Perkins & Wm J Perkins my executors of this my will and testament whereas I have made set my hand and seal

July 1st 1880

Johnathon Perkins

N. Caroline } In Superior Court
 Ashe County } May 15th 1884

Winfield J. Perkins offers a paper writing for probate as the last will and testament of Johnston Perkins who died in said County on the 8th day of May 1884 and the following evidence was given before me in support of the paper writing, James W. Waugh after being duly sworn says I am 35 years of age have known Johnston Perkins for near fifty years and know his hand writing and that the paper writing now offered as the last will and testament of the said Johnston Perkins dec. and the same is wholly in the hand writing of the said Johnston Perkins dec.

J. W. Waugh

Sworn to and subscribed before me 15th May 1884

J. M. Dickson C.S.C.

Eli Weaver being sworn and examined as to the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Johnston Perkins dec. Late of Ashe County decess and says that he is 42 years of age that he went to the late residence of the said Johnston Perkins dec. on the 15th day of May 1884 in company with W. H. Gentry that after arriving at the said residence the said W. H. Gentry took the said paper writing out of a book found in a desk in the dwelling house of the late Johnston Perkins. that the papers therein was the deeds grants and other valuable papers belonging to the said dec. and among them was found the paper writing offered for probate as the last will and testament of the dec. that I have known the said Johnston Perkins for eight years and know his hand writing that the same is wholly in the hand writing of the said Johnston Perkins dec. that the signature therein is the genuine signature of the said Johnston Perkins dec. Eli Weaver

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 May 15th 1884

J. M. Dickson C.S.C.

John M. Black a citizen of Ashe County after being duly sworn says that he is 37 years of age and have known Johnston Perkins for near 23 years I am well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Johnston Perkins dec. have often seen him write that the paper writing now offered for probate as the last will and testament of the said Johnston Perkins and every part thereof in the genuine hand writing of the said Johnston Perkins dec.

John Black

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th May 1884

J. M. Dickson C.S.C.

Upon the foregoing testimony it is adjudged that the foregoing will of Johnston Perkins dec. is duly proven and shall be recorded

J. M. Dickson C.S.C.