

Luther Perkins' Will

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In the Name of God Amen.

I Luther Perkins of the County of Ashe in the State of North Carolina being of sound & disposing mind & memory God be thanked for the same, considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make make ordain publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following to wit,

1st After all my lawfull debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my Estate real and Personal, I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit,
I give and bequeath to my two sons, David & Lewis Perkins & Lewis M. Perkins all my lands with the appurtenances therunto belonging that I own or claimed, wherein I now reside and other tracts near about that is to say, the home tract containing two hundred & seventy five acres more or less on the waters of Buffalo creek also, one hundred acres in two tracts adjoining the said home tract at the upper end, fifty acres on the south side of the creek from the home tract one hundred acres known as Chertops cove one hundred acres on Bear Bottom, fifty acres on waters of Bear Bottom on and near the Turkey Ridge all of which tracts of land, have been heretofore deeded to said David & Lewis they having paid their own money in part for said lands all right title and interest whatsoever that I have in and to the same is hereby bequeathed to & to said David & Lewis. My will and desire is that my son Lewis shall have the one half of all my farming tools and gearings and my son David the other half of the same.

I will and bequeath to my two daughters Patsy & Jenny all my household furniture and cooking vessels sufficient for one small family.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Lois Young, ten dollars to be paid to her in a cow, or other live stock that she may choose to make that amount.

I give and bequeath all my flock of Sheep that may be on hand at the time of my decease to be equally divided among my sons, David & Lewis and my daughters Patsy & Jenny to be divided between them share & share alike and likewise all my cattle to be equally divided in the same way and between my said two sons and two daughters.

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I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Perkins my son Solomon Perkins and my daughter Polly Newland, one dollar each and to the two children of my son James Perkins to wit David & Catharine fifty cents each to be paid out of any of my property not otherwise disposed of

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons David S Perkins and Lewis W Perkins Executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all former wills by me made

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 20th day of July 1854
Suther Perkins

The foregoing written instrument was subscribed by the said Suther Perkins, in our presence and acknowledged by him in our presence & at the same time published, & declared to be his last will & testament, and at his request and in presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses

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