

The Last will & Testament of Edmund S. Porter

In the Name of God Amen
I Edmund S. Porter of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina
Being Sick and feeble in body though sound in Mind and Calling to Mind
the Mortality of My body and knowing that it is appointed for men once
to die do Make Ordain and Constitute this My last will and Testament that as
to My first I Commend My Soul to Almighty God who gave it and My
body to A decent Christian Burial at the direction of My Executors
And as to My Earthly goods with which I hath pleased god to bless Me I give
and bequeath in the following Manner

First I give to My Son William Lafayette Porter Now about five years old
Eight Hundred Dollars out of My Estate in consequence of his penient situation
Secondly I give to My beloved wife Lucinda the tract of land whereon
I now live & the adjoining lands excepting the Presby & Dove places During
her Natural life and at her death to divide to My two Children Mary Ann
Porter & William Lafayette Porter

Thirdly I wish and desire that the balance of My property both Real and personal
be Equally divided with My beloved wife and My two before mentioned
Children Share & Share alike Each one third I hereby Constitute and
appoint James Gudgey My Executor & My Beloved wife Lucinda My Co-Executor
of this My Last will & Testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set My hand & affixed My seal this
2^d day of August A.D. 1842

John H. Porter

E. S. Porter

State of North Carolina, Oct. Term 1842.

Phileas Parkman } the foregoing will was duly proven in open Court
by the oath of John H. Porter A subscribing witness thereto and admitted of Record

Edmund S. Porter

A. Harrison Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Josiah Jenkins

In the Name of God Amen
I Josiah Jenkins of the State of North Carolina and of the County
of Buncombe Being in A low State of health but in sound Mind Memory
blessed be God as this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight Hundred & forty two Make & Ordain this My last will & Testament
I do sove A Suffering of perishable property such as My wife Martha can
but spare to be sold as will pay all My just debts

I will & bequeath unto My beloved wife Martha all the Land which I now
own with the full benefit of all the buildings and farm as her own Right and property
during her life time or until My three Sons Thomas Edwin & Joshua & Russell shall
arrive to the full age of Twentyone years at which time all the Land is to belong
to them but if My wife should live longer than the time of their coming to the age of
Twentyone year she is to have her maintenance of the the Land during her life
further bequeath unto My wife Martha All of My perishable property of all kind
except the Land during her life at her death to divide to My three Sons

and if needs require she may before he death give to any or all of the Children
such things as she can spare to them so as to make as equal A distribution as
possible amongst them

And I do hereby Constitute and Ordain My trusty friend Joshua Whitaker
Executor to this My last will and Testament in testimony whereof I have
hereunto set My hand and seal the day and date above written

for Breward
Joseph Lanning

Josiah Jenkins
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State of North Carolina, Oct. Term 1842.

Buncombe County } the foregoing will was duly proven by the oath of James
Breward in open Court A subscribing witness thereto and admitted of Record

A. Harrison Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Bradley Powers

In the Name of God Amen this Nineth day July 1833
I Bradley Powers of the County of Buncombe & State of North Carolina being
well in health and in perfect Mind and Memory thanks be to god for the same
but Calling unto Mind the Mortality of My body and Knowing that it is
appointed for all men to die do Make and Ordain this My last will and
Testament and principally and first of all I do Recommend My soul unto the
hands of God that gave it and as for My body I Recommend to the Earth
to be Buried in A decent Christian Manner at the Direction of My Executors
Nothing Doubting but that I shall receive the same again by the might
of God and as touching My Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to
bless Me in this life I do give devise and dispose of the same in the following
and form

Impairing I do leave to Sarah Powers My well Beloved Wife with all My house
hold Goods and Furniture and Movable effects with house Cattle and hope all
During her Natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage the
whole to be Disposed of in the following Manner and form I do Give and
bequeath unto William Powers My Beloved Son all the Land possessed by me
and East side of White Creek I do give and bequeath to Alexander Powers My
well Beloved Son all My Land lying on the West Side of White Creek
During their Natural lives and then to the heirs of their bodies and all the
Rest of My Estate with My Stock and Movable effects to be Equally divided
between My three Sons and two Daughters and I hereby Constitute and
appoint Joseph Miller and James Jones My two Suninlaws Executors
of this My last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly Revoke
and annul all and Every other former will and Testament by me