

The Last Will and Testament of Edward Burlison

Know all men by these presents, that I, Edward Burlison, of the County of Buncombe, and Commonwealth of North Carolina, being sick of body, but of perfect mind and memory, and calling to mind the mortality of the body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this, and no other my last will and testament, viz: first, and personally, I give my soul into the hands of the Almighty God, that gave it to me, and my body to the earth, from whence it came, to be buried in a decent form after the directions of my Executors hereinafter named, not doubting but I shall receive the same at the general resurrection by the same Almighty power, and as touching such worldly goods or estate, wherein it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose of in the manner and form following, viz: I give and bequeath unto my present and beloved wife Poly Burlison and her heirs, all of the old Kissick tract of land from John Greenwood's land, up to the tract of land that my son Isaac Burlison lately lived on, and also, I give them one hundred dollars, to be paid out of the balance of my property, and all the household and kitchen furniture and one year's provisions to be laid out by two disinterested men on the day of sale, for her and all the family, and stock that remains with her. It is my will and desire, that all the remainder of my real and personal estate be sold on credit of twelve months, and after paying all of my just debts, out of the money, then the remainder to be equally divided between my first wife's children, viz: Margaret Coats, Poly Billingham, Isaac Burlison, Rebecca Carter, I. W. Burlison, Jane Williams Jackson Burlison, Washington Burlison, Anderson Burlison, and Elizabeth Burlison, &c. and I hereby ordain, my worthy friends, and sons-in-law, Gabriel G. Coats, and Edward Carter, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I the said Edward Burlison have set my hand and seal, this the sixteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty-one

Edward Burlison

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged in the presence of

John Briggman (deceased)
Madison Greenwood, Junior
Martin Greenwood.

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County

February Term, 1841.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Madison Greenwood, a subscribing witness thereto, and admitted of Record.

The last will and testament of John Whitaker

In the name of God, Amen, I, John Whitaker, Senior, of the County of Buncombe, and State of North Carolina, (farmer) being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind, the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally, and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God, that gave it, and my body, I recommend to the earth to be decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same, as given by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate, wherein it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of in the following manner and form: First, I give and bequeath to Elsie, my beloved wife, all the property that I possess during her life; also, I give to my beloved son, John, my land and working tools, and the house-hold furniture, I want equally divided among my three daughters, and also wish my son John, likewise to constitute, make and ordain the sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness, hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this March thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and forty

John Whitaker, Seal

Attest

John Shroat, Justice

J. W. Wilson

State of North Carolina

Buncombe County

February Term, 1841.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of John Shroat, a subscribing witness thereto, and admitted of Record.

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