

The last will and Testament of J. F. Palmer

I John F. Palmer of the County of Buncombe and State of N. Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my will and testament in manner and form following that is to say 1st That my Executor herein after named shall provide for my Body a decent Burial Suit to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my Just debts howsoever & to whomsoever, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

2^d I give and devise to my beloved wife (150) one hundred & fifty acres of Land to be set out by miles and bounds in the north east end of the tract whereon I now live so as to include my Mansion house and all out houses and other improvements In order to get the number of acres called for in this will the remainder shall be taken off the lower end of the land adjoining the farm on which I now live, to have and to hold to her the said Caroline M. Palmer, for and during the term of her natural life.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife C. M. Palmer all the beds and furniture, all the household and kitchen furniture, all the horses cows and sheep, hogs, all the domestic fowls, and poultry, waggon, and buggy, utensils, which she is to have and use during her natural life And then at her death, there is to be made an equal division of all the above named estate to my legal heirs

Item 4th The remainder of the Lands (150) one hundred and fifty acres adjoining the lands already mentioned I give and bequeath to my two oldest sons now living Charles B. Palmer & Jerome F. Palmer And where as my sons C. B. Palmer & J. F. Palmer are minor heirs now therefore my will and desire is that my friend A. M. Granger is hereby constituted and appointed Guardian for them my two sons with the understanding that my wife is to have the use of said lands until said heirs become of age and then said land is to be divided as near equal as possible and each one to have his proper partition

Item 5th The remainder of my lands lying on South and North Turkey Creek, known as the following tracts, first 1st piece One hundred acres Second piece (25) Twenty five acres

Third piece (25) twenty three acres which I only have one half interest in Fourth piece (460) Four hundred and sixty acres which I only have one half interest in I do hereby give and devise so much of the above lands to my next lawful heir as shall make equal with my two sons already mentioned in this will And the remainder shall be used in furnishing respectable tomb stones for myself and family, And after this if there should be any thing remaining, it shall be divided equal among all my legal heirs, my heirs shall all have equal part in my estate

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend J. H. Roberts and J. M. H. Roberts my lawful Executors

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to all intents and purposes, to Execute this my will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same

In witness whereof I the said J. H. Palmer do hereunto set my hand and Seal the 22^d day of March A.D. 1865

J. H. Palmer Seal

The undersigned at the request of the said John H. Palmer have witnessed the execution by him of the foregoing will and hereunto set our names as witnesses in the presence of the said John H. Palmer at his request.

the 22^d day of March A.D. 1865 A. S. Merrimon

J. B. Sawyer

Be it remembered that on the 19th day of this instant Jacob Weaver of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina sold and conveyed to his son Jesse R. Weaver the tract whereon he now lives containing three hundred acres which said land was valued to the said J. Weaver at the sum of Three Thousand Dollars by three men chosen for that purpose (viz) W. W. Blair Jr. & J. D. Garrison Esqrs. & John G. Chambers & the said Jacob Weaver and Jesse R. Weaver consenting thereto and that Jesse R. Weaver pay the purchase money in the following divisions (viz) To J. S. Weaver Five hundred Dollars To Wm. M. Weaver Five hundred Dollars To J. S. McElroy and wife Sophronia Five hundred Dollars To B. S. Gash and wife Elizabeth Five hundred Dollars To R. V. Blackstock & wife Mary C. One hundred Dollars and the balance retain himself, Thomas Weavers heirs having had said conveyed conveyed to them heretofore Equal to the above sums which has been conveyed since J. W. Weavers death

I want it distinctly understood that the balance of my Estate Real and personal be Equally divided between my six children J. S. Weaver Wm. M. Weaver J. R. Weaver Mrs. S. McElroy Elizabeth Gash & Mary Blackstock & Thomas Weavers Children I want my horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, waggon, carriage Blacksmith tools & farming tools sold at public sale by my heirs and divided as above mentioned

If it should be necessary to administer on my Effects after my death I will appoint R. V. Blackstock as such given under my hand and Seal the 21st of March 1868.

Jacob Weaver Seal

Test S. Blackstock