

Will of A. J. Stine

In the name of God Amen.

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I A. J. Stine of Catawba County and State of North Carolina, being in feeble health and of sound mind, memory and understanding do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Lovie C. Stine during her natural life or so long as she remains my widow, all my property real and personal whereover the same may be at the time of my death.

And I do nominate constitute and appoint my Son Charley R. Stine executor of this my last will and testament, and that he pay all my just debts out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28 day of March A. D. 1898

A. J. Stine Seal

North Carolina } In the Superior Court:
Catawba County }

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of A. J. Stine deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by Charley R. Stine, the executor therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Chas. R. Stine that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said A. J. Stine after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit

Mc. J. Rowe, A. H. Crowell and J. F. Herman that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said A. J. Stine, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said A. J. Stine subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said A. J. Stine.

And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said A. J. Stine

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this Nov. 17th 1898
J. W. Rockett (C. C.)

C. R. Stine Seal
Mc. J. Rowe Seal
A. H. Crowell Seal
J. F. Herman Seal

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said A. J. Stine, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

J. W. Rockett
Clerk, Superior Court

Last Will and Testament of Eli Burns.

State of North Carolina,
Catawba County.

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I, Eli Burns of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this, my last will and testament: My executor hereinafter named shall give my body decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts, out of the first money which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

First,

Second,

I give and devise to my beloved wife, Betsey, all of my home tracts of land where I now live, to wit: the Mull tract, the Solomon Worlick tract and the Hilderbrand tract, containing about 137 acres, for her use during her natural life, I also give to her three hundred dollars of the first moneys collected not otherwise appropriated, and I also give to her all my household and kitchen furniture, in satisfaction of her dower and third in my lands.

Third,

I give and devise to my beloved son Max the three hundred and ninety (\$390) dollars previously paid to him, I also give and devise to him, all my home tracts of land where I now live, to wit: the Mull tract, Solomon Worlick tract and the Hilderbrand tract all of which he shall possess at the death of his mother and myself, to Max and his children, after his death, give I these lands. Now this is more property than I shall give to any one of my other children, but I do this in order that he be compensated for whatever trouble I and my beloved wife may be to him in our old and feeble days, therefore if Max should prefer charges against my estate for caring for myself and wife, then in that event, I hereby authorize my executor to expose to public sale, two acres of bottom land at the extreme lower end of this tract of land, known as the Mull place, to the highest bidder, for cash and out of the proceeds of said sale pay to Max a reasonable compensation, but if no charges are made then he and his children after him shall possess my lands as aforesaid.

Fourth

I give and bequeath to my beloved son William the three hundred and ten (\$310) dollars which I have previously advanced to him.

Fifth

I give and bequeath to my beloved son John the three hundred and thirty five (\$335) dollars which I have previously advanced to him.

Sixth

I give and bequeath to my beloved son Hossa the three hundred and thirty five (\$335) dollars which I have previously advanced to him.