

Abel Sigman
deceased.

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Know all men by these presents, that I Abel Sigman of Catawba County and State of North Carolina being sick of body but of sound mind and memory, do make this my last will and Testament. And as to my worldly estate and all my property real and personal or mixed of which I shall die seized or possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death, I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the following manner to wit;

I give and bequeath to my wife Rachel Emoline Sigman all my property real, personal or mixed except my young son's horse Dock and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of money to have and to hold the same together with all the profits or income thereof during her lifetime and widowhood after she shall have paid all my honest debts.

I give and bequeath the above named young son's horse and one hundred dollars of money to my son Churchill C. Sigman which I give to him out and above his equal share for extra services.

It is also my will that after the death of my wife Rachel Emoline that my son David Henry Hanson Sigman shall pay to the balance of my heirs two hundred dollars (\$200.00) after which he shall share equal with the rest of my heirs. I also will that after the above conditions are complied with that all my heirs share equal in my property and to have and to hold the same forever.

In testimony whereof I the said Abel Sigman have to this my last will and Testament contained on one half sheet of paper. Subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 25th day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy

Signed, sealed published and delivered by the said Abel Sigman as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Noah Hanson
George D. Whitner.

his
Abel A. Sigman Seal
mark

State of North Carolina } ss. In the Probate Court
Catawba County

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Abel Sigman dec^d is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county by the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Abel Sigman by the oath and examination of Noah Hanson George D. Whitner the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Abel Sigman. That the said Abel Sigman in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 25th day of January 1870.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Abel Sigman the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him, and exhibited to be his last will and Testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Abel Sigman was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of this deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Severally sworn and subscribed
this 14th day of March 1870
before me.

M. C. Sherrill
Probate Judge

Noah Hanson Seal
George D. Whitner Seal

A. Sigmund
dec.

Sigmund, N.Y.

J.M. Cook
Exor

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"Know all men by these presents,

I, Abel Sigmund of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina, Being Weak in body & in health but of sound and perfect mind & of good understanding knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die I do therefore appoint this my last Will and Testament Revoking all others I will J.L. Sigmund & H.H. Sigmund all the lands known as the Gross land except about ten & a half belonging to a minor of John Gross does unconditionally the said J.L. Sigmund & H.H. Sigmund Will be at my wife Barbara Sigmund & Mary S. Sigmund satisfactorily & if either one of them should fail to do as if either one of them J.L. Sigmund or H.H. Sigmund should support my wife & daughter Mary S. Sigmund the said J.L. & H.H. Sigmund to have & to hold the land known as the Gross land as long as my wife Barbara Sigmund should live if the said Barbara Sigmund makes complaint that she is not treated right she must prove it by some one & my exors to see to it that they get justice & if not treated right I want my Exors let my wife have her choice rent the land or take a dowry my wife to have her support from the Rent I want the Rent to live on the place & have the use of all the Building my wife can spare I want I want my wife to have the garden & lot piece also the Rent to do her plowing free of charge if the dowry has to be layed off I want my exors to sell the whole tract of land after my wife death at public sale to the highest bidder ^{to come in equal with all the balance of the heirs} I will Mary S. Sigmund four hundred dollars all house hold & kitchen furniture after my wife death except I will J.L. Sigmund & H.H. Sigmund one bed & bedstead a piece I will N.Y. Sigmund & his heirs forty dollars I will Barbara S. Sigmund all the house hold & kitchen furniture if the dowry has to be layed off my wife shall have the house hold as long as she will stay in my home with the exception I will my wife ^{with a little kitchen & table} the cook stove & vessels half of all the knives dishes & plates & tea crocks cups one table two good beds & bedsteads one house hold chest & trunk four chairs one tub & bracket one horse one cow two hog two sheep if my wife should marry all the personal property set apart from her to be sold Exp

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"My daughter Mary Sigmund to have one bed & the money to be divided equal between all my heirs except Elmina Whitner if the dowry is layed off after my wife death I want the land turned back and all sold together I want my exors to alter the beginning of the first line commencing at a post oak & run 14 degrees west 146 poles to a pine the ballance to be run agreeable with ^{the deed} I want my exors to sell a tract of land lying in the County of Burke known to be a part of the David Dick tract & a tract known as the Rockwell tract I want my Exors to sell those tracts of land privately if they can get one thousand dollars or upwards & if not advertise & give good time sell it if I think it does not bring what it is worth put it up at different times in order to get the bid raised if their should be a Remainder after paying all my debts by those tracts of land I will it to be divided equal between my wife & all my heirs except Elmina Whitner I will if the land sold does not reach the debts I will that J.L. Sigmund & H.H. Sigmund all the personal property except the house hold & kitchen furniture. I will that J.L. Sigmund & Henry Sigmund shall have all over & above a support up to the time of taking a dowry if the dowry has to be layed off I want my exors to rent out the the ballance of the land to the highest bidder also to sell the Rent at public sale & pay expenses taxes &c. & the remainder to be divided equal between my heirs except Elmina Whitner I want my Exors if Henry Sigmund does not comply with the above I want my Exors to hire him but by the year until he is eighteen years old also who ever hires him they shall have the privilege of the winter school each & every year at the age of eighteen years I want Henry Sigmund to make his choice of trade & the Exors to see to him Henry makes any money above expenses for him to have it also if my wife should marry & my daughter Mary should

Give him

Abel Sigmund's Will 1878.

A. Sigmund
dec.

A. Y. Sigmund

J. M. Cook
Exr.

not be tested Right by h. her step father I want my
Exors to see to it & take her along amongst the con-
struction & if not amongst some old people that belonged
to the Lutheran Church & a guardian appointed to
manage her estate to school her & to send her
to Catawba School & Barbara P. Sigmund of the
County of Catawba & State of N.C. do certify
that I signed my Right a way of the land
that I owned in ~~Abel~~ County known to be
a part of the David Link tract also a tract of land
lying Catawba County known as the Rocket tract
beginning from Link & then signed & sealed in
the present Nov 6th 1877.

B. P. Sigmund

if the personal property has to be sold named above
want the money to be divided between Henry John &
Mary Sigmund Equal if the dower has to be di-
vided if there is any grain on hand & wheat to
be sold to be divided Equal between my wife J. L.
Sigmund W. H. Sigmund & Mary Sigmund
I do hereby make & ordain my esteem neighbors A. Y.
Sigmund & J. M. Cook Exors of this my last will & testament
in witness whereof I & Abel Sigmund the testator have
to this my will written on one sheet of paper set
my hand & seal this 6th day of November 1877 signed
sealed & delivered in the presence of us who
have subscribed in the presence of each other.

Abel Whitner
Ephraim Abbe,
Daniel Cross.

A. Sigmund

State of North Carolina, 3 Probate Court.
Catawba County.

The execution of the foregoing paper writing was this
the 4th day of Jan'y 1878 duly proved to be the
last will and Testament of A. Sigmund died by
the oath and examination of Abel Whitner &
Ephraim Abbe, subscribing witnesses thereof.
Admitted to Probate, and ordered to be recorded.

M. D. Sherrill
Judge of Probate,

Application for Letters Testamentary - A. Sigmund estate 1878.

A. Sigmund
dec.

Catawba County:-- In the Probate Court.
In the Matter of the Will of { Before M. D. Sherrill,
A. Sigmund } Judge of Probate.
A. Y. Sigmund & J. M. Cook being sworn, both say:
that A. Sigmund, late of said County is dead, having just
made and published his last Will and Testament;
and that A. Y. Sigmund & J. M. Cook are the executors named
therein. Further, that the property of the said con-
ting of Real personal estate is worth about
\$3000. or so far as can be ascertained at the date of
this application; and that B. P. Sigmund, A. Y. Sigmund,
Susan E. Cook, John L. Sigmund, W. H. Sigmund, Mary
L. Sigmund the three last are minors without
Guardian, are the parties entitled under said will
to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before 3 A. Y. Sigmund,
me this 4th day of Jan'y 1878. 3 J. M. Cook,

M. D. Sherrill

Probate Judge.

Upon the filing and hearing of the above application
A. Y. Sigmund & J. M. Cook are appointed and qualified
as executors - Letters Testamentary issued.