

My Will

And the name of James Orment.

I Adam Miller of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being in firm body but failing in mind and memory knowing that it is appointed unto men once to die, and being desirous to make a just distribution among the heirs of my body as it is left in my power title of all the property real & personal which God in his great goodness has blessed me with, to therefore make and contain this to be my last Will & testament in words following Viz.

First I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my friends Hoping that God will raise it in the first resurrection.

Secondly I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable.

Thirdly As to my original estate by my first marriage its amount at the time of my second marriage was about three thousand dollars which amount I had desired & intended to divide equally between my children viz my son S. B. Miller & my grand daughter V. B. Selig and my two daughters V. E. Miller & C. V. L. Miller but as my son S. B. Miller is indebted to me in the sum of upwards of fifteen hundred dollars with a Continued interest and the sum of three hundred & fifty dollars as a consumer of said original estate therefore in justice to the children of my second marriage I can but say that out of said amount in his hands I my original estate I will that said S. B. Miller make his sister C. V. L. Miller equal with himself in said original estate that is pay back to her of the money so due the estate in his hands the sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars so once he should refuse this just & reasonable requirement I in that case bequeath to the said V. B. Selig one note of hand executed by said S. B. Miller to myself for five hundred dollars personal (as a last effort to be justice to an orphan child) as her share for education But should the said S. B. Miller make the said V. B. Selig equal with himself in that event the said to be said.

Fourthly I Will to my loving and beloved wife Susan Miller the possession of all my land being three hundred & fourteen acres whereon I now live and all the premises & appurtenances belonging thereto together with the free use of all the property not otherwise disposed of in this my last will & testament to have & to hold the same during her widow hood should necessity require any part of my said property to be sold for payment of my debts or the education of my two said daughters my wife shall be allowed to dispose of such as she can but spare should my two daughters S. B. Miller & C. V. L. Miller arrive at a proper age I be disposed to settle in life in that event the said Susan Miller shall be permitted to furnish either or both of them with such property as she may in her prudence consider proper, yet so as to make them equal, & at the death of the said Susan

Miller all the estate so bequeathed to her to be equally divided between S. B. Miller & C. V. L. Miller

And I should the said Susan Miller seem I prefer to marry again in that event I will that all the property real & personal herein before bequeathed to her & my two daughters, being my entire estate shall be equally divided between Susan Miller & my two daughters S. B. Miller & C. V. L. Miller each to have and third in valuation, which and third Susan Miller is to have & hold free of incumbrances after payment of my debts out of my whole estate & to dispose of the same as she will

I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Susan Miller & my friend Samuel Black of Eastern County my Executors & Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me

Signed & acknowledged in the presence of us who have signed our names in the presence of the testator & in the presence of each other this 1st day of June 1867

W. S. P. Reinhardt

For Test

Adam Miller

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