

State of North Carolina, Catawba County.

I, Amos Sigman of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit:

First - That my Executors (herein after named) shall provide for my body decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever or to whomsoever owing out of the first money that may come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2 - I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Caroline Sigman all my property of every kind, both real and personal, owned by me in any way at my death, to have & to hold during her natural life or widowhood.

Item 3 - I will and bequeath to my son, W. H. Sigman my tract of land known as the home place and lying on the waters of Horse Ford Creek containing about forty eight Acres. Also one hundred and fifty dollars in money to be paid to him by my executors out of any money that may come into their hands as a part of my estate.

Item 4 - I will & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Catherine Miller, my tract of land lying on Jacobs Fork River & known as the Hawn tract & after her death to her children. Also one hundred and fifty dollars in money to be paid to her by my executors out of any money in their hands belonging to my estate.

Item 5 - I will and bequeath to my grand children the heirs of my daughter, Sarah Hulda Lail, my tract of land lying on Henrys Fork River and known as the Gross land. Also one hundred and fifty dollars in money to be paid them by my executors out of any money in their hands belonging to my estate. Each of said children to have an equal share of the lands and money aforesaid. But should any of them die before they are of age or said division made, the surviving ones shall have the deceased share equally divided between them when the youngest one arrives at the age of 21 years. And I do hereby appoint my son W. H. Sigman Guardian for the heirs aforesaid of my daughter Sarah Hulda Lail to carry out the foregoing bequest of my land and money to them.

Item 6 - I will & bequeath to my grand daughter Josia Elizabeth Summerrow my tract of land lying in Burke County & known as the White tract of land. And it is my further will & desire that if my said grand daughter Josie Elizabeth Summerrow die without issue or before she is of age then the said tract of land or effects shall go to my other children, namely W. H. Sigman, Elizabeth C. Miller & my grand children the heirs of Sarah Hulda to be equally divided into three shares the grand children to receive one share. And I hereby appoint my son, W. H. Sigman Guardian for my said grand daughter Josia Elizabeth Summerrow.

Item 7 - My will and desire is that after the death of my wife Elizabeth Catherine that my Executors proceed to sell at public sale all the property & effects not disposed of in this my last Will and Testament, and after paying all expenses & commissions I desire the remainder then in the hands of the Executors to be equally divided between W. H. Sigman, Elizabeth C. Miller the heirs of Sarah Hulda Lail to receive one share & Josie E. Summerrow to receive one share making four shares in all.

Item 8 - My further will and desire is that after my death that the Superior Court of Catawba County cause to have appointed Three disinterested men to act as Commissioners to assess and value the foregoing tracts of land, bequeathed to each heir and grand children and all excess of value over and above the lowest valued tract be paid to my Executors as a part or parcel of my estate and by them equally divided in proportion to said bequest (that is into 4 shares) one share to W. H. Sigman, one share to Elizabeth C. Miller, one share to Sarah Hulda Lails heirs, & one share to Josia E. Summerrow. The Commissioners appointed by the Court are not to consider the value of any building or buildings that may be erected on any of said lands by any of the said heirs (on such lands as they are to have) such building being put up by them.

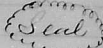
Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son W. H. Sigman and my son-in-law L. F. Miller my lawful Executors to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the intent & meaning and every part and cl.

thereof hereby ~~revoking~~ and declaring utterly void
all other will & Testaments by me heretofore made.
In witness whereof I do here unto set my hand and
seal this 13th day of November A.D. 1890

Witnesses

L. S. Whitener

N. G. Deal

Amon Sigman 

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Amon Sigman deceased, is exhibited before me the un-
derigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by
N. N. Sigman & L. F. Miller, the exponents therein mentioned,
and the ^{due} execution thereof by the said Amon Sigman
proven by the oath and examination of L. S. Whitener and
N. G. Deal the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being
duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself
deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness
to the paper ^{now} shown him, purporting to be the last
Will and Testament of Amon Sigman; that the said
Amon 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 thirteenth day of November, 1890.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Amon
Sigman the testator aforesaid, did at the time of sub-
scribing 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 said testator, And this deponent
further saith, that at the ^{same} 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
Amon Sigman was of sound mind and memory, &
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.

L. S. Whitener

N. G. Deal

Severally sworn and subscribed
this 29th day of October, 1897, before
me

J. H. Rockett

North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court.
Catawba County }

Upon consideration of the foregoing affidavit of L. S. White-
ner and N. G. Deal the subscribing witnesses to the paper-writ-
ing exhibited as the last will and testament of Amon Sig-
man, deceased and it appearing to the Court that due notice
has issued to the devisees and the next of kin of the said
Amon Sigman to be present on this 29th day of October
1897 at 10 o'clock A.M. at the office of the Clerk of the Su-
perior Court, at Newton, N.C. and see the proceedings in the
matter of the probate of said paper-writing and certain
of the said devisees and heirs-at-law being present
and no objection being raised to such probate.

It is now therefore considered and adjudged by
the Court that the said paper-writing and every part
thereof is the last Will and Testament of Amon
Sigman, Deceased.

Let the same Will, together with the probate, be
recorded and filed.

This the 29th day of October, 1897.

J. H. Rockett
Clerk Superior Court.