

The Last Will and Testament of Anna Gross.

Anna Gross dec^d I Anna Gross of the county of Catawba and state of North Carolina being of a sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last will & Testament in manner and form following - that is to say first that my Executor shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the customs of burying and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. I give unto my brotherinlaw Abel Whitener all my property belonging to me with all my interest and claims.

I appoint Abel Whitener my Executor on this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I the said Anna Gross do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th of July A.D. 1865 signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Anna Gross to

be her last Will and Testament in presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

A. J. Whitener
John Ward

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

A paper purporting to be the last will & Testament of Anna Gross dec^d is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county by Abel Whitener the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Anna Gross by the oath and examination of A. J. Whitener & John Ward, the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say, and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will & Testament of Anna Gross, that the said Anna Gross did in the presence of deponents, subscribed her name to the end of said paper writing which is now shown and bears date 14th day of July 1865. The said will is duly admitted to Probate ordered to be recorded

March 24th 1869.

M. O. Sherrill
Probate Judge.

Conrad Kinges dec^d The last Will and Testament of Conrad Kinges.

I Conrad Kinges of the County of Catawba 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 last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say - First, that my Executor (hereafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item, I give and devise all my personal Property viz - Horses, cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Farming Tools, Household and Kitchen Furniture to my two daughters Mary Ann Kogsdalen & Anna Kinges to have & to hold & use in common for the benefit and use of my whole family consisting of the following named members while they will remain together on the Homestead. My wife Elizabeth, my daughter Elizabeth Benfield and my daughterinlaw Susan Kinges and her children while they remain here to gether but in case that either my wife or Elizabeth Benfield or Susan Kinges becomes dissatisfied and leave their homes, then willed and devised to them that neither of them is entitled to any thing except their own personal property, in case Susan Kinges marries she has no further claims here as a home at all.

Item 2^d I will and devise that my two daughters M. A. M. and Anna shall take good care of my wife Elizabeth during her life and see that she is well attended to while she remains with them.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife one bed and furniture and bedstead, her chest and all her wearing apparel to her own use

Item 4th Let it be distinctly understood that Mary Ann Kogsdalen & Anna Kinges are to have all my personal property as before named but to be used as directed if the other named parties will remain with them at my old homestead.

Item 5th I give and devise to my daughter Callixime Damm five dollars in currency to be paid by Mary Ann