

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

Magdalena and Anna Kinges.

Item 6th I give and devise to my son Joseph H. Kinges
ten dollars in common currency

Item 7th I give and devise to my daughter Keatinda
English six dollars in common currency

Item 8th I give and devise to my daughter Caroline Lippard
six dollars in common currency

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint
my trusty friend Markur Smith my lawful executor
to all intents and purposes to execute this my last
will and Testament according to the true intent &
purpose of the same and every part and clause thereof
hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other
wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Conrad Kinges do hereunto
set my hand and seal this 12 day of July A.D. 1864

Conrad Kinges

signed, sealed, published and declared by
the said Conrad Kinges to be his last will
and Testament in the presence of us who at his
request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses
thereunto E. O. Elliott

Marion D. Benfield.

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament
of Conrad Kinges deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned
Judge of Probate for said county by Mr. M. Smith the executor
therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said
Conrad Kinges, by the oath and examination of E. O. Elliott
& Marion D. Benfield, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who
being duly sworn doth say and depose and each for
himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing
witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting
to be the last will and Testament of Conrad Kinges
The said Testator in the presence of these deponents
subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing
which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears
date of July 12th 1864

Therefore said will is admitted to probate and the same to be recorded
M. M. Smith (the above named executor) was duly } Mr. O. Sherrill
qualified 29th April 1869. Probate Judge.

The last will and Testament of Joseph Fisher
Joseph Fisher of Catawba County and state of North Carolina
in good health and mind and I thank God for the same
and knowing the uncertainty of this life and that it is
appointed unto all men once to die I do make and
ordain this my last will and Testament in this form and
manner following that is to say: First, I direct Christian
burial at the direction of my Executors hereafter named.
As touching what little worldly I have in this life
I do give and bequeath of the same in the following
manner to wit: first - I want all my just debts
paid. Secondly I will my three daughters Agnes Fisher,
Sarah Fisher and Polly Fisher what land I now own
equally alike to have and to hold as their own
property and all the rest of my little property that I
may be possessed of at my death equally between
them, the same at the land, with all the stock
that I at the powder spring. It is my desire that
if the debts are not all paid during my life time
that my Executors sell property and pay the debts
and save the land for them as before and I do
hereby nominate and appoint Isaac Hollar and Polly
Fisher my Executors of my last will and Testament
and I do hereby make void all former wills &
bequest by me made on death confirming this to be
my only last will & Testament in witness whereof I
hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day
of April 1868

Attest Suly }
Euben H. Suly }

Joseph Fisher
last will.

April 2nd 1868

State of North Carolina }
Catawba County } I Joseph Fisher of this
county and state do make and declare
this as a codicil to the will with the following
change, that is - I revoke the appointment of Isaac Hollar
as my Executor and do nominate and appoint my
friend Andrew Snyder my Executor and request him
to spend my right & title to my land against the
claim of the heirs of Isaac Hollar saying that the 1st of
the change under a bill given to Isaac Hollar
March 1868, as that debt was only given as collateral security
to secure a debt that he stood security for me. But as I paid
the debt & released the said Isaac Hollar he returned me