

The last Will and Testament of David Abernathy

David Abernathy deceased
 In the name of God Amen I David Abernathy of the county of Catawba & State of North Carolina being old and weak but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given to God but knowing that it is appointed for all men ^{us} to die I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principal and first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian burial at the discretion of the Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. As touching such worldly Estate wherein it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and devise & bequeath of the same in the following manner and form first of all I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth my lands horses cattle & every thing belonging to me till after her death then it is to be divided between my six children.

I appoint my son John Abernathy and my son Noah Abernathy my whole and sole Executors. In witness whereunto I set my hand and seal this the 27 of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-three

A. J. Whitener }
 Elias Sigman }

David his
 Abernathy ^{mark} 

State of North Carolina }
 Catawba County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of David Abernathy dec^d is exhibited before me Miles D. Sherrill Judge of Probate for said County by Noah A. Abernathy the executor there-in named and the due execution thereof by the said David Abernathy is proved by the oath and examination of A. J. Whitener & Elias Sigman subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of said David Abernathy, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon Noah A. Abernathy executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Aug 30 1870.

Miles D. Sherrill
 Judge of Probate

The last Will and Testament of Christian S. Reitzel.

Christian S. Reitzel
 deceased

Anderson A. Reitzel
 Executor
 appointed
 Nov. 4th / 1870

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I Christian S. Reitzel 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, that is to say:-

First - That my Executor (hereinafter 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 howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Secondly - I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan all my home tract of land wherein I now live for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood. The division line between my home place and the Hedrick place is to commence in Coonses line near a white-oak standing on the east side of the road and to run in a southeasterly direction to a double pine standing not far from the fence, thence south down through the old field so as to strike the middle of the road at the upper corner of the field thence down the middle of the road to Sline's line.

Thirdly - I also will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan all my household and kitchen furniture: one cow: one washpot, all the beds; all the stock of every kind; all the crop of every description that may be upon the plantation wherein I now live and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death.

Also all the domestic fowls and poultry on the place; all the bees; one wagon one buggy and all the farming tools on hand.

Fourthly - My Will is that all the balance of my land be equally divided between all my children either by selling the land and dividing the proceeds thereof or by dividing the land as they may think best; also the shares of Railroad stock in the western extension to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds equally divided namely between Anderson A. Reitzel, Henry J. Reitzel, Jerome C. Reitzel, Reuben D. Reitzel, Titus J. Reitzel, Philo L. Reitzel