

Last Will & Testament of E. P. Coulter dec.

" In the name of God amen!

I Eleazer P. Coulter of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory; but in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous of making some disposition of the property with which it has pleased our Heavenly Providence to bless me do make ordain and publish this as my last will and testament.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Malinda the lot I hold on D.C. Gaither, principal two hundred acres.

I will and devise to my beloved wife during her life one third of all my land joining my daughter D. A. Love, land if she sees proper to select it and I give her the liberty to make said selection at any time during her life.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife one third of all my personal property of every kind provided my daughter Mal D. A. Love should fail to give her a proper and competent support and maintenance.

I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife a competent yearly allowance for herself to be chosen by her self of my estate, if she see proper without regard to time of selection, provided she does so before my estate is settled up.

I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife all my house hold and kitchen furniture or as much thereof as she may desire except my desk which I give to my daughter Mrs. D. A. Love,

According to a promise sometimes since made I will and devise to Samuel Coulter my former faithful servant a part of my Dutch place joining lands of Martin Robinson, commencing at Salls Robinson, John Robinson, and my corner and running with Martin Robinson's New line about 75 poles, then with P. W. Whitner's line down the branch below the Dutch Springs and far enough to include said Springs and

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" then to the beginning corner or as to include about sixteen or eighteen acres.

VII I will devise to my daughter Mrs. D. A. Love the balance of my real ~~estate~~ and personal ~~property~~ of every kind subject to the limitations and desires to my beloved wife, with the request that should it be necessary for her to sell any of the said lands that she sell the outlots thereof or as not impair the home place.

VIII I will and devise that on any contracts as to renting land and farming that my daughter Mrs. D. A. Love shall have occasion to make that she consult and take the advice of my friend and neighbor P. W. Whitner, and I hereby request him to give her any assistance that she may need in having said contracts faithfully performed and carried out.

IX I hereby appoint my friend M. S. McCorkle, and my daughter Mrs. D. A. Love, the Executor and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament with the further request that my said Executor M. S. McCorkle, shall assist my Co-executor Maxwell Warlick in settling up my brother John Coulter's estate and especially that part which has reference to the estate of the late Clinton Wilson of S. Carolina.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto placed my hand and seal this 21st day of August A.D. 1874.

E. P. Coulter

Signed sealed and published in presence

of us -
Jas C. S. Rhyme
B. C. Rhyme,

(Over)

E. P. Coultter, Last Will & Testament 1874.

E. P. Coultter, North Carolina Probate Court, Catawba County.

The execution of the within and foregoing paper writing was this 29th day of August 1874 duly proved by the oath and examination of E. S. Chapman & B. C. Almyne subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last Will and Testament of E. P. Coultter, dec. Admitted to Probate & recorded. (Testimony of witnesses in full files.)

M. S. Merrill Probate Judge.

Catawba County: In the Probate Court.

In the matter of the Will of E. P. Coultter. Before M. S. Merrill Judge of Probate.

Mr. D. A. Lowe, being sworn, doth say: That E. P. Coultter late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; and that Mrs. D. A. Lowe, is the executrix named therein; further, that the property of the said E. P. Coultter consisting of land, money, household & kitchen furniture stock &c. &c. is worth about seven so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Malinda Coultter, D. A. Lowe & Marous Coultter, are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

D. A. Lowe.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of Aug-1874.

M. S. Merrill Probate Judge.

Mrs. D. A. Lowe, duly qualified as Executrix. M. L. McClure, declines to qualify.

Record of John Boyd's Will Sept. 1874.

Catawba County, N.C. January 19th 1874.

I, John Boyd, of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, do make, publish and ordain this as my last Will and Testament in words and figures following to wit: First:

I direct my Executors to pay all my just debts and Burial expenses including a convenient suitable to my station in life.

Secondly - I devise to my beloved wife Sallie Boyd all my real estate during life and at her death to be divided equally among the children of my son Marous Boyd or their representatives per stirpes, if they be dead, and I direct that the portions going to the female children or their representatives ~~per stirpes~~ ~~per stirpes~~ ~~per stirpes~~ be held to their sole and separate use apart from their husbands and not in any way to be subject to the debts of their said husbands. My Real Estate consists of my home place, Cross Road place and River plantation, and any other land I may have.

Thirdly - I bequeath to my beloved wife Sallie Boyd, 3 Cows & Calves her choice, 2 Horses or Mules her choice, 8 Hogs her choice, all my sheep and Cattle, my Buggy and Harness, 1 Wagon her choice, and gearings for it and harness, 1 Gold watch and Chain, and sewing Machine which she has in her possession. All the provisions on hand, for man and beast, at my death, and all my household and kitchen furniture.

Fourthly - I give to John F. Boyd, son of Marous Boyd, a good horse saddle & bridle either out of my stock or to be purchased by my Executor, and my Rifle gun, known as my Buck Killer.