

Will of
Elijah Buffum

S. A. Buffum

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The last Will of Elijah Buffum.
First I will my soul to God.
I Elijah Buffum 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 manness
and from following that is to say.

Item that my executor herein after
named shall provide for my body a decent
burial suitable to the wishes of the
family and pay all expenses together
with my just debts if there be any out
of the moneys that may first come into
the hands of my estate.

Item It is my will that my two eldest
sons shall have the lands that I have
deeded to them for their equitable share
namely, Salathiel Augustus Buffum and
Jacobiah Thomas Buffum.

Item I also give to my youngest son
George Gabriel Buffum a part of the home
tract when I grow less in the west end of
said tract lying on the Catawba river lot no.
containing sixty seven acres for which
I have made deed for him to have after
my and my wife's death to be his equitable
share with my other two sons which I
value at five hundred dollars.

Item I do also have made a deed to my
daughters, namely, Emeline Elizabeth, Sarah Ann
Levina and Leah Carolina which they are to
have after my and my wife's death Sarah
Ann and Emeline must have each of each
of them must have two beds and their furniture
and one other bedstead which they now claim
their chests their spinning wheels and cards
Leah must have one cow and calf if there
be a calf at the time two hogs each two sheep
one wash pot one cork pot one small pot skillet
one spider, pan one frying pan one oven and lid
one set of knives and forks spoons four dishes

one set cups & saucers and such like things
as Emeline got and if they stay single and
do not want them casting and plates and
dishes pay them twenty dollars each the
other things they must have.

Item It is my will that my executor take
in his possession all the moneys notes
mortgage and accounts at my death
and collect the same it is my will that
the residue of my estate be sold by my
estate be sold by my executor at public sale
and the moneys from the same it is
my will that it be equally divided between
my legal heirs. ^{namely} after my just debts sell
my two shares of Rail Road stocks.

Item it is my will that my executor and
two other men that he and he may select shall
lay off for my wife and family provisions
for one year and such further furniture
as is sufficient for her and family to
keep house with. It is my will that my
wife have her spinning wheel and cards
and the cupboard, bureau, clock, two tables, two
beds and shade all the sitting chairs all
the poultry four hogs three sheep if she
like longer than I do and after her
death it is my will that my executor
sell all the things and divide the proceeds
equally between our legal heirs also the
weaving loom and the implements for weaving
two axes two corn hoes.

Item I make and ordain my worthy son Salathiel
A. Buffum executor of this my last will
and testament in witness whereof I the said
Elijah Buffum have to this my last will
and testament set my hand and seal this
the 17th day of May in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and seventy nine
signed, sealed, published and declared by the said
Elijah Buffum the testator as his last will and
testament in the presence of us who were present at the time
of signing and sealing
J. P. Cloninger
R. E. Fullerton
Elijah Buffum

Portals of Elijah Huffmans Will.

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A Paper writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Elijah Huffman Dead, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk for said County, by J. A. Huffman, the Executor therein named. And the due execution thereof, by the said Elijah Huffman, is proven by the oath and examination of J. B. Coleman and C. E. Hillman, the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, each for himself, depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper or exhibition, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Elijah Huffman; That the said Elijah Huffman, by the presence of this Dependent - subscribed his name, at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown, as aforesaid, and which was done on the 17th day of May 1877.

And the Dependent further says that the said Elijah Huffman, the Testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, upon the said paper writing, he subscribed by him and exhibited to be his Last Will & Testament. And this Dependent 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 the said Testator.

And this Dependent further says that when he the said Testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will and Testament, and at the time of Dependent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Testator was of sound mind & memory, of full age, to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information and belief of this Dependent.

And further that Dependent does not solemnly swear & subscribe J. B. Coleman
This 1st day of Sept. 1887 } C. E. Hillman
R. H. Standish

Christian Dettens Will

In the name of God Amen!

I, Christian Dettens of the County of Columbia & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, make, make public, and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament - That - is to say first - after, all my lawful "depts" are paid and discharged, then the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows: It viz -

To my beloved wife Nancy All my real and personal during her natural life or widowhood and if she marry she is to have her beds and furniture her wearing clothes chest - wheel and cords & loom and one hundred dollars in money and to give possession of the lands. but if she leave her home during her natural life or widowhood to live with some one else she is to take the amount - that - I have willed her outside of the lands and then give possession of the land.

And at the death or marriage of my wife I further will all the lands to my nephew Pinkney Dettens the son of George Dettens. And I further will to my sister Corinne Blackwinstip twenty five dollars at my death. (Continued on next page)

And it is further my will and desire that at the death of my wife or marriage she receive any of my personal to be equally among the children of my brother George Dettens, and George to have a child's part - with his children. And it is further my will and desire and I appoint my Brother George Dettens and his son Pinkney as my Executors. And it is my will that my Brother George be the Guardian of my wife