

Last Will of Elvira E. Shupond.

State of North Carolina
Catawba County

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In the name of God Amen.

I, Elvira E. Shupond of the County and State aforesaid being of Sound mind and memory, but weak in body and 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 also purchase and erect at my grave a plain and becoming tombstone, such as my children may and pay all my funeral expenses and for my tombstones and all my just debts hereinafter and to whomsoever owing out of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

I do give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha Ann Buddick One Bed Stead, One Feather Bed, One Mattress, One Quilt, One Comfort, One Counterpane, Two Sheets, Two Pillows, One Small Table Cloth, One Set, Chairs, One framed Picture, One Dinner Table Cloth, All of her own the first choice for all such as are not herein otherwise specially devised.

Also to my said daughter Martha Ann, I do give and bequeath my Carpet, and one half of my Silver Spoons and one half of my knives & forks.

To my beloved daughter Mildred Ellis, I do give and bequeath One Bed Stead, One Feather Bed, One Mattress, One Quilt, One Comfort, One Counterpane, Two Sheets, Two Pillows - all of her own value after my daughter Martha Ann hath selected her.

Also to my said daughter Mildred Ellis I do give and bequeath One Fulling Lap Table (now in her possession) My Large Rocking Chair and one half of my Silver Spoons and half of my knives and forks.

To my beloved granddaughter Minnie Alexander

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I do give and bequeath One framed Quilt, One Trip Mantelpiece, One pair Impudent Pillow Shams, One fine red Table Cloth, My Eight day Clock, my One pair Window Corners, and my Small Rocking Chair.

Minnie Alexander

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Mildred Marshall

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George Buddick

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My daughter

of Minnie Alexander

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My daughter

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Minnie Ellis

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My daughter

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George Shupond

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To my beloved grand daughter Mildred Marshall, I do give and bequeath One white Counterpane and my What Not.

To my beloved grandson George Buddick, I do give and bequeath The framed Picture of my deceased son George Shupond.

To the daughter of Minnie Alexander, now an infant I do give and bequeath One pair Vases which were purchased for me by Dr. J. H. Buddick.

To my beloved daughter Fannie Wilson, I do give and bequeath One pair Vases and One Small Table.

To my beloved grand daughter Minnie Ellis, I do give and bequeath my Chandeliers.

To Isabel Shupond Colored, I do give and bequeath my Dark Stone and my Whisker.

To Louisa Shupond Colored, now an infant, I do give and bequeath One Walnut Bedstead, One Mattress and Bed Clothes, as indicated by my children as having set apart for her.

As to any other Chattels or personal property not herein devised and that may be on hands as belonging to me at the time of my death, I do direct that my Executor hereinafter named shall sell at public sale in such manner and on such terms as he may think best take the proceeds of such sale, together with any money due or other evidences of indebtedness that may be due me and which may be collected and apply the same to the payment of my funeral expenses, for my tombstones to the discharge of my just debts and to the payment of other expenses necessarily incurred to the execution of my will.

As to my real property or House and land, I do direct that my Executor hereinafter named shall sell the same in such manner, at such time and upon such terms as he may think best - so as to obtain the best possible price for the same, and I do direct that he have full power and lawful authority to sell the same either at public or

private sale as he may elect and receive a title to the same to the purchaser in fee simple provided however that should he be unable to effect a sale privately at what he may deem a fair price within twelve months after my death he shall advertise the same very well posted according to law for sixty days and then expose the property to public sale and convey the same to the highest bidder, provided further that no part of the sale shall be on a credit of longer than six months and that he make no title or convey until the purchase money be paid in full. And I do further direct that my executor hereinafter named shall out of the moneys arising from the sale of my real property pay any debts or expenses that may not yet be paid and divide the remainder of any with any moneys of whatsoever nature that may then be in his hands as follows:

Should the amount of money in his hands after all debts and expenses are paid be as much as Five Hundred Dollars or more, I do direct first that my daughter Martha Appended shall be paid a fair and honest sum for her portion, Widow's and other care in writing on me and allowing for me during my sickness. I do then direct that he hold in trust for my grand daughter Fannie Wilfong One Hundred Dollars, and keep the same prudently and securely invested for her, not to be paid to her until she arrives at the age of twenty one years, unless she be married earlier, and to be paid to her, or invested in property for her to be only use and free from the control of, or debts of any husband to whom she may be married, until after she arrives at the age of twenty one years.

And as to the prudent management of this special trust fund, I leave it entirely to the good judgment of my Executor. And next I do direct that my said Executor pay to my grand daughter Minnie Alford Twenty five dollars, and next I do direct that my said Executor shall set aside Twenty dollars for my colored servant Sidley Shuford, not to be paid to her but to be invested in a plot of land, purchased in

her own right, that the said Sidley shall have a lot on which to erect herself a house.

And as to any moneys that may be remaining in the hands of my said Executor after the debts and legacies hereinafter set forth or prescribed, I do direct that the same be divided equally between my two daughters Martha Appended and Mildred E. Ellis or their heirs respectively, but should the amount be less than five hundred dollars, then I do direct the amount above devised to Fannie Wilfong, Minnie Alford and my servant Sidley Shuford be lessened in the same proportion or ratio that Five hundred dollars bears to the total amount here.

I do further direct that one linen table cloth not less than six yards be given to my daughter Mildred Ellis.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint J. B. Alexander my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute the my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, and do direct that he receive a fair and liberal compensation for his trouble in the execution of the same according to law. And I do hereby revoke and declare utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, declaring this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I, Elvira E. Shuford do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 25th day of February A.D. 1886

Elvira E. Shuford Dead

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Elvira E. Shuford to be her last will and testament, in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

This the 25th day of February A.D. 1886

J. J. Johnson
R. P. Jackson

(Martha Appended)

(Fannie Wilfong)

(Minnie Alford)

(Sidley Shuford)

State of North Carolina ss In the Probate Court
Catawba County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and
Testament of Elvira E. Shuford, deceased, is exhibited
upon me the undersigned C. J. C. per said County,
by T. B. Heyman the Executor therein mentioned,
and the due execution thereof by the said Elvira
E. Shuford, is proven by the oath of James
Town of J. L. Johnson & R. P. Lakin the subscribing
witness thereto; who being duly sworn, doth
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 and Testament of Elvira E. Shuford, that
the said Elvira E. Shuford in the presence of the depo-
sant, subscribed her name at the end of said paper
writing which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears
date of the 28th day of February 1886.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Elvira
E. Shuford, the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of sub-
scribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper
writing to be subscribed by her and intended to be her last
will and Testament; and this deponent did then
upon 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 testatrix.

And this deponent further saith, that at the
said time, when the said testatrix subscribed her
name to the said last will and Testament as aforesaid
and at the time of deponent's subscribing his
name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid
the said Elvira E. Shuford was of sound mind and
memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not
under any restraint in the knowledge, information
or belief of this deponent; And further the
deponent say and swear,

J. L. Johnson (sworn)
R. P. Lakin (sworn)

Sworn to and Subscribed
before me this March 15th 1886

P. A. Hoyle C. J.

See other proceedings in Book of Appointment of Executors de

Last Will of Elsie Maxwell

I, Elsie Maxwell Maxwell of the County of Ca-
tawba, and State of North Carolina, on this 4th
day of February in the year of our Lord 1886 do
make, ordain and publish this my last will and
Testament

1st It is my will that my sister Melissa Maxwell
shall have all my property, both real and personal,
consisting of household furniture and land so long
as she may live

2nd That at her death it is my desire that
it shall be equally divided between her two sons,
Amy Maxwell and Minor Alexander

3rd I make and nominate Melissa Maxwell
my Executor.

I hereunto set my hand and seal the
day and year before written.

Signed, sealed in the presence of
Elsie Maxwell
and A. B. Miller.

Proven by M. R. Maxwell on Apr. 5th 1886 and
by A. B. Miller May 1st 1886.

See probate in full on next page
P. A. Hoyle C. J.