

April Session 1866

193 In the name of God Amen, I Ezra Mull 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 hereafter mentioned shall provide for my body a decent burial & monument suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses and a common monument together with my just debts whatever and whomever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my dear mother Polly or Mary Mull my two negroes Dick & Minnie to have the use and benefit of during her lifetime & also my house hold & kitchen furniture during her lifetime and after her death to fall to Eli Mull or Wm Mull provided he whom gets there pay the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (& if Eli is not heard from or his part will be considered his part is to be void and not effect) and the said amount is to be equally divided between my brother John Morrison Wm & Eli as their heirs that is for the negroes and furniture.

3rd I give and bequeath unto my brother Eli all my interest in the tract of land known by the name of The ear tract & if it be so he cannot get it it is to be divided as the second bequeath.

4th I give and bequeath unto my brother Eli Wm Mull my land known as my lot land six lots provided he whom gets said land and if neither wants it either of said heirs little John or Wm Mull through their Attorney or either or they pay the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be divided as named in the second bequeath.

5th It is also my will and wish to bequeath for the building of a Baptist Church at the Mull grove yard & claiming and paying the same in the sum of one thousand dollars & the site of three Acres of land to be made to the pastor or church when ever established made by my Executor my name and age above the door & when completed Executor to attend to and superintend to all the above required and all my perishable stock that Mother does not dispose of in the best advantage without making a public sale or privately no bids to be made on my property all money that may be left is to be divided as the second bequeath. 6th my Executor hereafter named is to get three respectfully freeholders each to be worth three thousand dollars to bind him and all things to be returned to them that all may do me right and for their trouble and his trouble a percent give there to find a liberal price for their trouble &c.

7th lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint William Mull if alive and if dead Peter Mull jun. Peter's son & if dead William Mull my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament

according to the true intent and meaning of the same & every part and clause thereof. Lastly if killed I am to be taken up and buried at the Mull grove yard or a substitute buried in my place. In witness whereof I the said Ezra Mull do here unto set my hand and seal. This the 25th of September 1866.

in presence of us,

J. H. Mull

J. J. Hoyle

Ezra Mull Seal

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State of N. Carolina } J. H. Y. Frazer of the County of
Catawba County }
Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First, That my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd my will and desire is that after the payment of my debts that the remainder part of my property both real and personal be equally divided among my three children Laura, William & Robert and if there should one be born of my wife after this that should be considered mine, in that case it is to share equal with the other three. Whereunto I set my hand and seal, this 25th day of March 1863.

Witness J. M. Lorange

Rev. Lorange

H. Y. Frazer Seal