

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Catawba County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Absalom Weaver, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, P. H. Hoyer, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said county, by J. M. Yoder, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Absalom Weaver is proven by the oath and examination of F. N. Beck and W. N. Blackburn, the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing, now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Absalom Weaver. That the said Absalom Weaver in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 20th day of Feb. 1886 (or, did in the presence of this deponent acknowledge the signing the said paper writing).

And the deponent further saith, that the said Absalom Weaver the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him, and exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and this deponent 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 said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Absalom Weaver was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information and belief of this deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Given under my hand and subscribed,
this 3 day of Nov. before me

P. H. Hoyer C. C.

{ F. N. Beck (Seal)
W. N. Blackburn, (Seal)

The Will of Geo. Wilkinson

I, G. M. Wilkinson, being of and in sound mind do make this my last will and testament as follows: first I will that all my lawful debts be paid in and after the manner here after described, Second I will all my personal property, and lands, as here after described to my five children, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. My wife to have equal rights and privileges with them so long as she lives a virtuous life and remains my widow. In case she marries again her rights and privileges to my estate shall cease immediately after her marriage. I will that one third of the grain and one fourth of the cotton raised on my home place be sold privately, every year after my death and the proceeds be paid on my lawful debts untill (tho, my debts) are all paid. I will each one of my brothers and Sisters (fourteen in number) ten dollars a piece to be paid as follows; the oldest to be paid at the end of the second year after my death, and the next oldest at the end of the next year thereafter and so on one each year according to age till the last one is paid. These payments to be made out of the proceeds of my home farm and as above directed. I will that my family have the first right and privilege to work or cultivate my lands (home tract) or so much thereof as they desire by paying rents as above described. In case my family decide not to remain on the farm, my executor shall rent it (the farm) privately each year untill my lawful debts are paid and thereafter the family shall have full control of it by paying up what I have willed to my brothers and Sisters (half brother and sister inclusive) as fast as it becomes due which is ten dollars a year for fourteen years, less the number that may have

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The Will of Geo Wilkison Continued
 been paid off while under control of my
 executor. I will my place in Mountain Creek
 township on which my father now resides
 or lies, to my father during his life time and
 then to his present wife if living at his death
 during her life time or widowhood and then
 to my Children. I will that none of my lands
 be sold until my youngest child is twenty
 one years old and then it may be sold or
 divided as the majority of my Children may
 desire. If sold, it shall be sold privately by my
 Children and the proceeds divided equally
 among themselves, provided they shall provide
 a comfortable living out of the same for their
 mother if then living and has never mar-
 ried after my death so long as she lives and
 remains my widow there after. My family
 shall have the right and privilege to sell
 any piece or pieces of personal property or hands
 at my death that they think spare to dis-
 charge any of my lawful debts. I appoint my
 brother R. A. Wilkison executor of this my last
 Will and Testament.

In case other crops than grain and cotton be
 grown on my home farm the third of all such
 crops except potatoe patches and garden patches
 shall go to the discharge of my debts and the
 after being sold privately.

Witness My Hand 10th 1855

Test G. M. Wilkison

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Wm. A. Wilkison, being
 sworn, says: That he is well acquainted with
 the handwriting of G. M. Wilkison and that his
 genuine signature appears to the foregoing
 instrument.

Shewn to and subscribed by M. A. Wilkison
 before me Jan. 8 1857
 P. A. Hoyle

Last Will of Elias Snyper

I Elias Snyper of Catawba County,
 North Carolina, being of sound and
 disposing mind, do make publish and
 obtain this as my last Will and Testament
 in words ^{and} figures as follows to wit:

First: I direct my executor to pay all my
 just debts including burial expenses and
 "Stone Stones" suitable to my station in
 life.

Secondly: I devise to my beloved wife Sarah
 Snyper all my real estate during her natural
 life, and at her death to go to Laura Sipe
 and Hda Propst children bound to me
 provided they pay one hundred dollars each
 to my son Marcus Snyper living here,
 but should the children of my said son
 Marcus not be living at that time, then
 they are to pay the said amount to my ex-
 ecutor for my estate.

Thirdly: I also bequeath to my wife Sarah
 all my household & kitchen furniture, all my live
 stock of every kind, and all farming implements
 to have and to hold during her natural life and
 at her death to be sold by my executor.

Fourthly: I direct that my executor shall keep all
 my money, chose in action and debts due me
 at interest during the lifetime of my said wife
 and I also direct that my executor pay to my
 said wife Sarah out of said fund the sum of fifty
 dollars per annum for her support as long as she may
 live.

Fifthly: I further direct that at the death
 of my said wife Sarah, my executor pay
 over all the remainder of my estate
 then in his hands or that may come into
 his hands from sale of personal property
 to all my heirs at law according to their
 several interests, except my son Logan
 Snyper, who has already received his part
 by deed of conveyance of land.

Sixthly: I hereby revoke and declare

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Note - Sarah Snyper
 was the second wife
 of Elias Snyper - his
 first having been
 Elizabeth Smith