

Last Will of J. A. Wike decd.

North Carolina } In the Probate Court,
Catawba County } July 21st 1888.

To Daniel Wike & W. F. Wike.

A paper writing purporting to contain the nuncupative will of J. A. Wike decd. and figures as follows to wit:

I wish and will my beloved wife Ella Wike to have for the term of her natural life all my estate, and that she pay all my just and lawful debts out of the said estate, to be the executrix of my will.

Is exhibited for probate before the undersigned Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Supreme Court for Catawba by Mrs. Ella Wike the executrix therein named. It is therefore ordered, that a citation issued to said Daniel Wike W. F. Wike, and Silas Wike, the next of kin of J. A. Wike and Mrs. Wike to appear before the undersigned at his office on the 23rd day of July, 1888, and contest said will if they see paper to do so this 21st day of July 1888.

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I, Julius Wike do make and declare this to be my last will and testament

I wish and will that my beloved wife Ella Wike have for the term of her natural life all my estate, and that she pay all my just and lawful debts out of the said estate, and to be executrix of my will.

In presence of Silas Wike and Ella Wike who were requested to be witnesses of said last will, and who have had

the same reduced to writing within six months after the making thereof, and have to sign their names to the same this 21st day of July 1888.

Silas Wike &
Ella Wike &

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In the matter of the nuncupative will of J. A. Wike decd. now offered for Probate.

Silas Wike being sworn says that he is the father of said said J. A. Wike and that said J. A. Wike died on or about the 25th day of May 1888, and that on the 21st day of May 1888, said deceased J. A. Wike called this deponent to his bedside in his J. A. Wike's own house, where he had been for a long time sick, and was fully aware of his condition, and read death.

When and upon said occasion and at said time, said J. A. Wike decd. said I want my wife Ella to have all my property real & personal after my death, for the term of her natural life, and she is to pay all my just debts out of the proceeds of said property.

That at the time said J. A. Wike made this disposition of his property, and declared it to be his last will, Ella Wike was present and heard his declaration made in her presence.

That said J. A. Wike at said time was fully aware of his condition and his near approaching death, and was in his own house at his own home in Catawba County, and requested his father Silas Wike this deponent to bear witness to his intention and will to dispose of his property as above stated.

That said J. A. Wike was then in his perfect and sound mind, and capable mentally of making a last will, but was too feeble and weak in body to do so, and have the same recorded in writing.

Silas Wike

Doorn to & subscribed before me this 23 day of July 1888

J. A. Hayle

C. S. C.

Mrs. Ella Wike being sworn says that she is the sister of J. A. Wike decd. and that she was present at the home and the house of her brother J. A. Wike in Catawba County on or about the 21st day of May 1888 and heard her brother J. A. Wike call upon her father Silas Wike and make the foregoing declaration to her father Silas Wike as his last will and testament in the hand as therein stated in the affidavit of Silas Wike.

That she is the sister of J. A. Wike and one of his heirs at law and consents to the probate of his nuncupative as set up in this proceeding and knows that the same is his said J. A. Wike's last will. Ella Wike

State of North Carolina (In the Probate Court
Catawba County) 1 July 21 1888.

A paper writing purporting to contain the nuncupative will of J. A. Wike decd. and which is in words and figures following, to wit:

"I wish and will that my beloved"
"wife Ella Wike have for the term of her"
"natural life, all my estate, and that"
"she pay all my just and lawful debts"

"out of the said estate to be the"
"executrix of my will."

Is exhibited for probate in solemn form before the undersigned Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Superior Court for Catawba County, by Mrs. Ella Wike the widow of said decd. and who is named as executrix therein. And it is proven by the evidence of Silas Wike and Mrs. Wike two competent and credible witnesses, and who are two of the heirs at law of said J. A. Wike and whose affidavits are hereto annexed, that J. A. Wike in his last illness, in his own dwelling house in Catawba County and when he was of sound disposing memory, and in their possession, did make a nuncupative will, and did in said will bequeath all his estate to the person, and in the manner mentioned in said writing and that said Silas Wike was specially called on to bear witness to the same by said J. A. Wike said Mrs. Wike being present at said time and place and hearing the same request, so made by her brother said J. A. Wike. And it is also proved by said witness that said J. A. Wike died on the day of May 1888. It further appears that W. S. Wike and David Wike the only next of kin of said J. A. except Silas Wike & Mrs. Wike the witnesses to said nuncupative will, have accepted notice to appear and contest said will if they see proper to do so, and they all of said heirs at law and next of kin consenting to the probate will in solemn form and waiving any objection to the same. It is therefore adjudged that said paper writing doth contain

the nuncupative will of said
J. W. Wike as to all his estate,
and the same is filed as such
in solemn form and is ordered
to be duly recorded as such together
with all the other proper papers hereto
annexed.

And Mrs. Ella Wike the executrix
therein named is hereby duly qualified
as such executrix.

By Consent of parties the foregoing will
and private (of J. W. Wike) is set aside and
and Rules of Administration are issued,
See Appointment of Executors &c
P. H. Haggle &c

Will and Testament of James Lee Key, Sec.

I, James Lee Key of the County of Catawba and
State of North Carolina being of sound mind
and memory, 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 pay
all funeral expenses together with my just debts-
burden and to whomsoever owing out of the
moneys that may first come into his hands as
a part or part of my estate.

Item: I give and devise to my sister Elvira Lecky
all my interest of the live stock now owned by us
viz. One Cow and Calf, two Sheep and all the
domestic fowls and poultry and all my house-
hold & kitchen furniture.

Item:— I give and bequeath to Margaret Jane
Cooper wife of Lafayette Cooper my one third undi-
vided interest of in and to the lands upon which
I now live, subject to use of my sister Elvira Lecky
during her natural life, adjoining the lands of
William Burch, Jacob Burch and others, supposed
to contain about thirty five acres and be the
same more or less, and it is my will that
my burial and funeral expenses be paid out
of the above described land, so much thereof to be
sold by my executor as may be necessary to pay
said expenses unless otherwise paid by Margaret
Jane Cooper and it is my true intent that she
the said Margaret Jane Cooper shall be in possession
of said lands in fee simple subject as aforesaid
to the use of Elvira Lecky during her natural life.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my true
friend Lafayette Cooper 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 and
every part thereof I declare that my hereby revoking and
declaring null and void all other wills and testaments
by me heretofore made.

Will
of
James Lee Key

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