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Will of John Ward 1879

Know all men by these presents
I John Ward of the County of Catawba & State of
North Carolina Being in good health & of sound
& perfect mind & of good understanding knowing that
it is appointed over for all men to die I do therefore make
this my last Will & Testament Revoking all others I will
unto my son J. S. Ward & Catharine Rocksaurie Berry all
the land I own of whom I now live one hundred & twenty-
five acres by the same more or less one hundred & forty acres
joining the home tract then four acres of the Henry Link tract
joining the same twenty six acres known as the John Holler land
joining the Henry Robinson tract to be divided equal between J. S.
Ward & C. R. Berry except that J. S. Ward shall have all the build-
ings where I now live & the buildings not to be valued by no
consideration I will that C. R. Berry shall have possession of
these lands her lifetime & if she dies without issue her heirs this
land now named for her above shall come back to my heirs
I will that if C. R. Berry's land should fall back to my heirs
that C. R. Berry's ^{land} ~~land~~ ^{all my heirs & heirs of my heirs} ~~land~~ to be sold to J. S. Ward I will to my
daughter Rhody L. Hawn & her children the tract of land where
she now lives joining J. P. Miller known as the Elisha Holler land
seventy-six acres twenty six acres joining where she now lives seventy
acres joining ^{from} Holler & the Rowe land the north part of of the Rob-
inson tract the line to run east & west I will to my son A. P. Ward &
my daughter Sarah E. Goder all that tract of land known as
Lawson Seitz Land joining Sally Hawn & Peggy Hawn & others two hun-
dred & twenty acres to be divided equal between A. P. Ward &
Sarah E. Goder I will that A. P. Ward shall hold the land
where he now lives & all the buildings ^{except} James Ward's house & barn
& crib I will that A. P. Ward buildings not to be valued Sarah
& Goder shall pay to James Ward's heirs what the house is worth
I will A. P. Ward the tract of land known as Daniel Hawn bottom
joining Sally Hawn & Peggy Hawn fourteen acres A. P. Ward shall
pay five hundred dollars for the fourteen acres of bottom & to
be distributed this money amongst the heirs to make them equal
I will to S. Angeline Seitz heirs Pinkney Seitz Franklin Seitz
David Seitz Candace Row Belle Seitz I will seven hundred
dollars in money equal between S. A. Seitz heirs named above
I will unto my son James W. Ward's heirs Laura Ward Charles
Ward Min Ward seven hundred dollars in money to be di-
vided equal between Charles Ward, Laura Ward & Min Ward
I will to Sarah E. Goder C. R. Berry R. C. Hawn S. E. Seitz heirs

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Will of John Ward "continued" 1879

Candace Row & Belle Seitz all my bedding & clothing equal
between the said girls I will that all my lands shall
be divided amongst yourselves as it is now or laid down
& after it is divided if there is any difference in the ap-
port to pay to each other to make you all equal & to choose
amongst yourselves three good disinterested men to appraise
the lands I will if the money does not reach to make
the heirs equal that of J. W. Ward's heirs & Angeline Seitz
heirs the heirs that gets the land shall pay over to make
them equal I will the bedding & bed clothing that Can-
dace Row & Belle Seitz gets to be valued & to be counted
out of their part of money I will if I should die before
my wife I want her to make choice of all my person-
al property & the balance put to sale I want my wife
to hold possession of the lands as long as she would live
I will that this will shall not go into effect until after
the death of my wife.

I do hereby make & ordain my returned neighbors A. P.
Ward J. S. Ward & Moses Goder Executors of this my last Will &
Testament in witness whereof I John Ward the testator have
to this my will written on our sheet of paper set my hand &
seal this the 11th day of September 1877 signed sealed & de-
clivered in the presence of us who have subscribed in the
presence of each other ~~signed in the presence of~~

Abel Whitener
J. H. Brunns
J. R. Ellis

John Ward (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Catawba County

The execution of the foregoing paper writing was
this the 3rd day of March 1879 duly proved to be
the last Will and Testament of John Ward by the
oath and examination of J. H. Brunns & Abel Whitener
subscribing witnesses thereto; (See testimony in full
filed) Admitted to Probate and ordered to be
recorded -

W. C. Sherrill
Judge of Probate

Application for
Letters

Application for Letters Testamentary
Catawba County In the Probate Court

Will of John Ward 1879

A.P. Ward
J.S. Ward and
Moses Goder

Exrs.

In the matter of the will of } Before M.O. Sherrill
John Ward } Judge of Probate.
A.P. Ward, Moses Goder & J.S. Ward being sworn, doth say:
That John Ward, late of said County, is dead, having
first made and published his last Will and Testament,
and that J.S. Ward, A.P. Ward & Moses Goder are the
executors named therein. Further, that the property of the
said John Ward consisting of Real & personal estate is
worth about \$3000.00 so far as can be ascertained at the
date of this application, and that A.P. Ward, J.S. Ward
Sarah Goder, Rhoda Hawn, Catherine Berry, J.W. Harts
hirs, & Angeline Seltz hirs - are the parties entitled
under said will to the said property.

sworn to and subscribed
before me this 3^d day of
March 1879.

M.O. Sherrill
Probate Judge

The Executors duly qualified, and Letters
Testamentary issued -

A.P. Ward
Moses Goder
J.S. Ward

Killiam, Leeds
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Killiam, Sam E.

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Record of Frederick Killiam's Will 1879-

"I, Frederick Killiam of Leatuota County, do hereby make publish
and declare, this as my last Will and Testament in
words and figures as follows to wit:

Item First, My executor hereinafter named is to pay all
my just debts out of any money or property on hand
at my death

Item Second I will and bequeath to my son Samuel
E. Killiam, fifty acres of land including the dwelling
and out houses where I formerly lived for which land,
I have conveyed to him by deed of gift valued at
four hundred dollars, which I consider his
fair share in my land.

I have also sold unto my son Samuel E. Killiam,
all my other land for which he has paid me
seven hundred dollars in cash and given
me a bond for my support for the remainder
of my life, and has received a deed of
conveyance for said land.

Item Third, I give and devise to my three daughters
Lydia Pitts, Berick wife of J.W. Hawn, Nancy
Holder and Mary wife of Luther Hirschmunt each the
sum of two hundred and seventy five dollars,
which has also been paid to them out the
money paid to me by my son Samuel for the
aforesaid land, which I consider their fair
share in all my land.

Item fourth, After my executor hereinafter named,
shall have paid all my debts, out of the money
and notes on hand at my death, he shall divide
all the remainder equally between my four
daughters and my son Samuel share and
share alike and in case any of said
children die before me, then the share
of each child is to go to his or her
children if any.

Lastly, I hereby appoint my son Samuel
E. Killiam the executor of this my last
Will and Testament Frederick Killiam &
Witnessed by us in the presence of each other,
and in the presence and at the request of the
testator this 15th of Dec 1878.
M.E. Killiam
W.H. Hawn