

April Session 1866

195 In the name of God Amen.

I, Jonas A. Fife of Catawba County, State of North Carolina, being in sound mind and disposing memory viewing the certainty of death to all men sooner or later do make and so join the following articles to be my last will and Testament viz:

1st I will and direct that at my demise my mortal remains be interred in a Christian like manner the expenses of which to be paid out of my estate.

2nd I will and direct that all my just debts be paid out of my estate

3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah all my property which I may be possessed of both real and personal including all my stock and grain provisions and forage both long and short and also my smith tools also all my cash and cash funds which I may then possess which may be left from paying off my just debts and the lawful expenses of foreclosing my estate which property my said wife Sarah is to possess during her natural life or widowhood.

4th It is my will and desire that should my said wife Sarah choose again to marry that on that event she receive out of my estate her lawful widowed dower the same as if this will had not been made, and the remainder to belong to my son Wm Pinkney.

5th I further will direct that if the cash funds which may be in my possession at my death shall be insufficient to pay off all my liabilities and other necessary expenses as aforesaid, that my Executor sell a sufficiency of my property and such as my wife Sarah may designate to pay off all such liabilities.

6th I hereby nominate and appoint my friend C. P. Coulter my executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereby make, ordain, acknowledge, sign & seal the same with my own hand. This the 23rd day of September 1864

in presence of
John J. Bowman }
Guilford U. Bowman }

Jonas A. Fife Seal

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In the name of God Amen, I Martin Linbarger of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of ~~perfect~~ sound mind and memory do this day make publish and Ordain this my last will and Testament in the form and manner following that is to say
First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Effy Linbarger all of my personal property with the following exceptions I give unto my daughter Ann Linbarger one bed & its necessary furniture one wheel & Cords one Cow and calf one chest a set of dishes ware consisting of one set of Plates one set of Cups & saucers a set of basins & forks and one Table one bucket and several clothes in manner to buy Cooking utensils with
I give unto my son James one bed & its necessary furniture I give unto my wife all of my money and accounts and notes I give unto my wife all of my land during her natural live and at her death to be divided among my seven children & my grand son Rufus Linbarger who is to have an equal share with my children all of my crop that is now growing I give unto my wife I give unto my grandson Rufus Linbarger one bed & its necessary furniture at the death of my wife I appoint & constitute my worthy son J. James Linbarger my sole Executor of this my last will & Testament made published and Ordained this 9th day of June 1866 Given under my hand & seal

Sealed and signed in the

Presence of

Wm J. Hamilton
J. D. Shuford

Martin Linbarger Seal