

The last will and Testament of Joseph A. Wilson

Joseph A. Wilson
deceased.

William P. Wilson
Executor
qualified
19th Sept 1870

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In the name of God Amen.

I Joseph A. Wilson of the county of Catawba and state of North Carolina being in sound mind and disposing mind and memory but in feeble health, viewing the uncertainty of this life do hereby make, attain, publish and declare the following to be my last will and Testament viz - I desire and direct that at my demise my body be decently buried and my grave marked with plain Tombstone, the expenses to be paid out of my estate. I further direct that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate. The residue of my Estate I give and bequeath in the following manner

1st I give and bequeath unto my daughters Elizabeth L. and Catharine A. Wilson a small piece of Land beginning at a Quince bush at the corner and runs eastwardly to the widow Sarah Wilsons line. Then with said line to a hickory corner of the land. I deeded to my son John Wilson then with his line to the beginning, containing about twelve (12) acres this includes, my dwelling house and Barn to them and their heirs forever.

2nd I give & bequeath unto my daughters Caroline A. Wilson and Margaret L. Hill a small piece of land adjoining the above named land Beginning at the said Quince bush and runs a North Eastward direction to a rock on my son Johns line. Then with his line to the widow Wilsons line in the publick road, then with her line to a corner of the first named tract. Then with a line of said tract to the beginning containing about ten acres. To him and their heirs forever.

3rd I give and bequeath unto my grand-son Julius H. Wilson my desk given to me by my grand-father.

4th I give and bequeath unto my daughters Elizabeth L. Wilson, Catharine A. Wilson Caroline A. Wilson all my corn, wheat, bacon & forage for stock for their maintenance until they can raise more.

5th I give and bequeath unto my three daughters aboved named and my daughter

Margaret L. Hill included as tenants in common all the residue of my property which may remain after paying off the aforesaid debts and expenses and the cost of procuring this my last will and Testament.

6th Request further that my said daughters furnish my son John Wilson when he may desire it for

7th I further give unto my four daughters aboved named as Divides the privilege of paying off all my just debts and the above named costs with their own means and keep, the property themselves if they chose to do so.

8th I hereby constitute and appoint my son William P. Wilson my lawful executor of this my last will and Testament to fulfill & procure in manner herein directed.

For witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 21st day of April A.D. 1870

Joseph A. Wilson

Signed sealed published
in presence of E. P. Coulter
Sarah S. Wilson.

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Catawba County

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joseph A. Wilson "dec" is exhibited before the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by W. P. Wilson the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Joseph A. Wilson proved by oath & examination of E. P. Coulter and Sarah S. Wilson subscribing witnesses thereto, who being sworn say that the said Joseph A. Wilson did in their presence subscribe his name to the said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid bearing date 21st April 1870 and that said Testator at the time of subscribing his name declare the same to be his last will & Testament and these deponents signed their names in his presence and at his request as subscribing witnesses thereto & further that said Testator was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will & was under no restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of deponents. Adjudged as duly admitted to probate & recorded. June 6th 1870, Mr. Coulter