

Record of Joseph Post's Will 1881.

State of North Carolina,
Catawba County,Post, Joseph
Dec.Post, O. P. dec.
Executors
June 6th 1881

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In the name of God Amen: I Joseph Post, of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but of feeble health do make public and declare this paper writing to be my last will and testament in form and substance as follows:

Item I. I will that all my lawful debts including such expenses as may arise from my funeral (expenses) be paid out of any money or property I may have at my death.

Item II. I will to the children of my deceased son John Post, son wife of Mary Wilson and to Laura wife of William Fox one hundred dollars each and no more.

Item III. I will to Sarah, with only living daughter of my deceased son George Post, of two hundred dollars and no more.

Item IV. I will to my Grand son G. F. Post only son of my son George Post one hundred dollars and no more, and I hereby appoint my son in law M. L. Cline Guardian for my said Grand son John S. Post above named.

Item V. It is my will that M. R. Self the husband of my deceased daughter Mary M. Self have the full possession of the entire farm whereon he formerly lived with the use of all the buildings, rents and profits for three years from the date of this will and that he in the mean time defray out of his own means whatever amount may be necessary to expend for the education of the children of his deceased wife Mary M. Self.

Item VI. It is my will that my Grand children the children of my daughter Mary M. Self together have an equal share in my estate with my other children.

Item VII. I will to my daughter Francis J. Barker and the children born of her an equal share with my son O. P. Post, and my other daughters who are living,

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"and the children of those who may be dead at the time of my death, but my said daughter Francis J. Barker to account for the house & lot I have bought and built for her in the upper part of Newton, which I hereby bequeath to her the sum of four hundred & thirty dollars, and is also to account for four hundred and thirty dollars which her husband M. C. Barker now owes me these two accounts to be deducted out of her and her children's share of my estate.

Item VIII. It is my will that the children of my deceased son George Post receive no more than is devised to them in items three & four of this my last will and testament.

Item IX. I will to my beloved wife Polly an equal share of all my estate both real and personal with my other children who have not been who have not been provided for in the other items of my will.

Item X. I will also that my son O. P. Post have his portion of land immediately adjoining the lands of his mother, and I also direct that he be paid a reasonable sum for any improvements or betterments he may make on said land, and my beloved wife to have such portion of my estate for her natural life as she and my executors may agree upon.

Item XI. I will that after my wife Polly shall have received her portion of my estate she and my executors agree upon then the remainder of my estate of any and every kind to be equally divided among my children and daughters and the children of any of them who may be dead, except the children of my two sons George Post & O. P. Post, are not to receive anything more out of my estate than has already been given them in the former part of my will. I also direct that my children are to account me in final settlement for that they have each received me in my life time. June 6th 1881 I have appointed my son O. P. Post my son in law M. L. Cline & M. R. Self & M. R. Self the executors of this my last will and testament, see witness whereof I have this 6th day of June 1881 signed sealed, delivered this to be my last will & testament.

Witness
R. A. Post

Joseph Post

North Carolina, Catawba County
The execution of the foregoing paper writing this 6th day of June A.D. 1881 duly proved in open Court to be the last will and testament of Joseph Post by the oath and examination of two legally qualified R. A. Post, subscribers, witnesses thereto. See Probate file full attached. Admitted to Probate & recorded.

W. C. Sherrill
Judge of Probate