

November Session 1867

G. E. Best of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

first that my executor herein after named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suited to the wishes of my relatives, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts.

Item 1st I give and devise to my eldest daughter Mary E. Best one bed and furniture and one Bureau her choice and a side-saddle and half the dishes plates and tea-cups in the cupboard in the dwelling house

Item 2nd I give and devise to my second daughter Sarah Anna Best one bed and furniture - same choice and half the dishes and plates and Bureau in the cupboard to be equally divided by my Mother and have the equivalent the Bureau, and side-saddle named in the first item out of the proceeds of the sale of the balance of my personal estate not otherwise disposed of

Item 3rd I give and devise unto my son John S. Best two beds and furniture equal to the ones named in item first and seconds and to have the equivalent in money of the Bureau and side-saddle and dishes furniture named in item first out of the proceeds of the sale of the balance of my personal property not otherwise disposed of

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Father G. F. Sherrill 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. In witness whereof at the said 1st of November I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of July 1867.

Signed sealed published and declared

by the said G. E. Best

to be her last will and testament in the presence
of us who at her request
and in her presence do
subscribe our names in
witness thereof
John D. McAlpin
Wm. R. Self

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State of North Carolina Catawba County October 1st 1858, owing to the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life I do make this will, and I do hereby give unto my beloved wife Hannah, All my personal and real Estate. During her natural life time a widowhood consisting of one hundred and three acres of land the place wherein I now reside one Beast hogs and sheep two heads of cattle also the present Crop together with proven due farming utensils, one black house holds and kitchen and furniture also one room. This I do my last will and testament where unto I set my hand and seal the date above

Written —
Peter Harlick
David C. Harlick

Mary Smith Best

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