

Geo. Whitner
dec
Abel Whitner
Exr

State of North Carolina,
Catawba County,

The execution of the foregoing paper writing was this the 30th day of April 1880 duly proved before me by the oath and examination of A.P. Seitz & L.P. Seitz witnesses thereto is the last will and Testament of George Whitner dec. Admitted to Probate and ordered to be registered.

M.O. Sherrill,

Probate Judge.

Abel Whitner Executor qualified and letters issued.

Record of Marcus Yoder's Will 1880.

Marcus Yoder
dec.

Mortimer Yoder
Exr.

I Marcus Yoder 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 & Testament in Manner and form following that is to say:
First That my Executrix (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item; My will and desire is that my executrix shall provide a neat Marble Head Slab and have it placed at my resting place to mark my Grave to be paid for out of the proceeds of my estate.
Item; I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mortimer C. Yoder all my estate both real & personal, notes, money, and effects of what ever kind that may be on hand at my death provided she keeps my name during the balance of her natural life but in case she should marry again then in that case she is entitled to one third of all my estate as mentioned in this item as hers to use & Control as seems best for her.

Item my will and desire is that if my wife Mortimer C. Yoder remains a widow during the remainder of her life that after her death that all the debts that may then be due and unpaid shall be paid, out of the estate together with all her funeral expenses including the marble slab to mark her resting place also the same as mine.

Item I will and bequeath (after the death of my wife Mortimer C. Yoder) four hundred dollars to bid in building a brick Church at Zion Church in Catawba County provided the Congregation there of the E. Lutheran Church will raise a sufficient amount together with this bequest to erect said Church building.

My father will and desire is that all the balance of my Estate (after the death of my wife) shall be

Mercus Foder
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Morthe L. Foder
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placed in the hands of the Church Council of the E. Lutheran Churches at Zion & Hickory which (the latter) I am a member at this time & by them loaned or invested in bonds of the U. S. or to private individuals on good mortgages or invested in some way so as to be perfectly safe that the interest may be paid annually and of said interest I desire that in case the Congregations of the E. Lutheran Churches at Zion & Hickory believe and have the pure doctrine taught & preached, as taught in the old and New Testament and the Symbolical books and especially the book of Concord then of said interest I desire that if the Congregations in said Churches have preaching once a month in each Church that fifty dollars of said interest shall be paid yearly for the support of the Minister in each Church, but if the preaching be twice a month then the amount shall be one hundred dollars to the support of the Minister of each of the said Churches. Furthermore provided the interest of the fund so set aside be sufficient to pay said two amounts and if not the amount of interest on hand shall be divided between the said two Congregations according to the foregoing arrangements. And provided further that if the interest of the fund on hand should amount to more than the sums here mentioned for said two churches then if the Minister will locate or live in the bounds of said Congregations so that he can visit the sick, Minister to the dying & see that the souls of his flock are properly fed then the interest as above said if it amounts to more shall be divided between said two congregations as stated after paying the expenses of keeping the said funds in a safe investment. My desire further is that so long as these two Congregations will do their duty in supporting the Minister this fund shall be perpetual, but in case they fail to do their duty in supporting the Minister then this fund ceases and will be withheld

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from said congregations. Item; My will and desire is that if my wife inter-married again then & in that case two thirds of all my estate is to be applied to the two Churches as stated above in the same ratio as is already stated leaving the other one third to my wife absolutely. Item: My will & desire is that after my death I desire my friends & relatives to carry my body to Zion Church Yard & deposit my body beside my Father and Mother. And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved wife Morthe L. Foder my lawful Executrix to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof hereby revoking & declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I, said Mercus Foder do hereunto set my hand & seal this 3rd day of April 1880.

Mercus Foder

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Mercus Foder to be his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. A. W. Marshall,

James E. Cline,

The execution of the foregoing paper writing was this the 24th day of May 1880 duly proved to be the last will and testament of Mercus Foder, by the oath and examination of A. W. Marshall & James E. Cline subscribing witnesses thereto, Admitted to Probate and ordered to be recorded.

M. D. Barnhill

Judge of Probate,

Mrs. Morthe L. Foder Executrix duly qualified and letters Testamentary issued.