

State of North Carolina } ss. In the Probate Court.  
 Catawba County }  
 A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of  
 Mary Sepach dec'd is exhibited before me, the undersigned  
 Judge of Probate for said County, by J. A. Robinson the  
 Executor therein named, and the due execution  
 thereof by the said Mary Sepach was duly proved  
 by the oath of John Stamey and John H. Wood the  
 subscribing witnesses thereto, the said Will with  
 this certificate is admitted to probate  
 Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1868.

M. O. Sherrill  
 Probate Judge

Catawba County: In the Probate Court:  
 In the matter of the Will of } Before M. O. Sherrill  
 Mary Sepach } Judge of Probate  
 J. A. Robinson being sworn doth say: - That Mary  
 Sepach late of said County, is dead, having first  
 made and published her last Will and Testament;  
 and that J. A. Robinson is the executor named therein.  
 Further, that the property of said Mary Sepach consisting of notes  
 and a little household and kitchen furniture is worth about  
 \$400.00, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this  
 application; and that John Rhoney & wife Jane Rhoney,  
 (after laying J. A. Robinson his lawful agent) residents  
 of Catawba County, are the parties entitled under said  
 Will to the said property.

J. A. Robinson

Swear to and subscribed before me  
 this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1868  
 M. O. Sherrill  
 Probate Judge.

James Rhoney

John S. Rhoney

and

Jane S. Rhoney

appointed

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1869

The last Will and Testament of James Rhoney.

I James Rhoney of the county of Catawba and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of life, my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following; that is to say:-

1<sup>st</sup> That my executors, hereinafter to be named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, whatever and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my Estate, at the earliest possible convenience.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and devise to my beloved wife Eliza a certain tract of land known as the George Leonard tract, formerly owned by Barbara Robinson and John Stamey, running from the Spanish Oak corner a direct line to the doory line, thence with the doory line to the Stamey line, which land she is to hold as her property during her natural lifetime, or her widowhood and after her decease my will is that all my lands, that is, the land so devised to my wife Eliza during her natural lifetime and also the land on which I now live, be equally divided between my several daughters, Elizabeth Speagle, Sally Gant, Eliza Ann Britton, Jane Seagle and Maria Catharine, and Martha Emilie, each of them to share and share alike, my will also is, that all my land that is not so devised to my wife Eliza during her natural life, or widowhood, the same is to be rented out yearly by my Executor, hereinafter to be named, until my Daughter Martha Emilie arrives to the age of twenty-one years and the proceeds of said land so rented out, annually, be equally divided between my said six daughters above named each to share and share alike in the same, my will also is, that, in the event, my wife Eliza should not live till my daughter Martha Emilie be of the age of twenty-one years in that case the said land so devised, during her natural life only, is also to be rented out annually until my Daughter Martha Emilie be of lawful age, and the proceeds also to go to my six daughters above named, in equal share.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and devise to my beloved wife, Eliza one bed, fifty bushels of corn, Twenty bushels of wheat, two hundred pounds of Pork forty pounds of coffee, Twenty pounds of sugar, One sack of salt, one pound of pepper, Spice, Ginger, each.