

Last Will and Testament of Matthew Wilson.

To all Persons whom these presents may come
Meeting.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Matthew Wilson, being in a sound state of mind and memory, and being fully aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make this my Last Will and Testament, in form and words as follows:-

To my beloved wife Julia Ann, for good Will and Love I have for her do bequeath and give unto her during her natural, all my land, stock, money, Claims &c, I now or may hereafter possess, provided she outlives me with the following exceptions, One saddle, two head of Cattle, two beds and bed furniture; spinning wheel, kitchen furniture equal to what I have heretofore given my children, I do bequeath and give unto my beloved daughter Sophia.

After the death of my beloved wife Julia Ann, provided she outlives me I do bequeath unto my two daughters, Sophia & Lucina, the home tract of land, on which I now reside, as long as they may live on the place, should either of them leave the place, either voluntarily, or by death the one so leaving, forfeits her right and the place shall then remain in the possession of the other while she may remain on the place.

After the death or after the voluntary removal of my two daughters Lucina & Sophia from the home tract of land, the home tract is to be put up at public sale and sold and the proceeds of sale of the land, to be equally divided among all my children including Lucina & Sophia except my sons Marcus and Logan & Wilson who have already received their share.

The tract of land known as the Deal tract, situated on Hagans Fork, shall be equally divided among my sons Alfred, Lewis & Henry, after the death of myself and wife.

I give my daughter Lucina the right to keep one Cow and Calf while she may live on.

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"the home tract.

I also give unto my daughter Sophia, one hundred dollars to be paid out of my money or property that I may have after the death of my wife or self.

All other property not herein bequeathed is after my death, or my wife provided she outlives me, to be put up at public sale and sold, and the proceeds of sale is to be equally divided among all my children except my sons Marcus & Logan & Wilson.

After my death I desire my son Alfred Wilson, to take charge of my farm, to see to the cultivation and management of them and for his trouble shall receive one third of issues of the same, also the right and privilege of making it his home.

To my faithful servant James Wilson colored I give him the privilege of working this his home as it has been.

Having good faith and confidence in my son Alfred Wilson, I do hereby appoint him my Executor with full power to carry out this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

Sealed, Signed and
delivered in presence of
Geo. G. McNeill,
Franklin Setzer,

(Over)

Probate of Matthew Wilson's Will. 1874.

North Carolina }
Catawba County, } Probate Court.

The execution of the foregoing paper writing was this the 25th day of Oct. 1874, duly proved to be the last Will and Testament of Matthew Wilson by the oath and examination of Geo. C. McNeill & Franklin Jeter subscribing witnesses—Testimony in full filed—Admitted to Probate & recorded!

M. C. McNeill,
Probate Judge.

Catawba County:—In the Probate Court,
In the matter of the Will of ^{deceased} Matthew Wilson.
Judge of Probate.

Alfred Wilson, being sworn oath says: That Matthew Wilson, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; and that he Alfred Wilson, is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Matthew Wilson, consisting of land & personal property, is worth about \$1000.00, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Julia Ann Wilson, Sophia Wilson, Larina Lynch Alfred, Isaac & Benjamin Wilson, Mrs. Kunsicker

are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

A. W. Wilson.

Given to and subscribed
before me, this 25th day
of Nov-1874.

M. C. McNeill,
Probate Judge.

The executor duly qualified according to law, and letters Testamentary issued.

M. C. McNeill,
Probate Judge.

Jacob H. Shuford's Will 1874.

In the name of God Amen
I, Jacob H. Shuford, of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and body, blessed be God for the same, and being desirous to make a disposition of the worldly effects with which it has pleased God to bless me, do make ordain and publish the following as my last Will and Testament in manner & form following, that is to say:

I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catherine the plantation on which I now live—the John Dellinger place—during her lifetime, and also bequeath unto her one year's provisions to be laid off by three more chosen by her and my executor hereinafter named. I also bequeath unto her one horse best in her choice and my family carriage. I also will and bequeath unto her all my house hold and kitchen furniture of every kind, whatsoever.

I will and desire unto my son Edolphus S. Shuford, the upper part of the plantation that I purchased from my brother Abel H. Shuford joining lands of Jesse Hawn, Jacob Haverstick in the waters of Jacobs fork of the South fork river to the amount of six, five acres to him and his heirs and should he at any time desire to sell the same my request is that he give some one of my children the preference in the purchase of the same, this land is devised to my said son in addition to what I have heretofore given him.

I will and desire unto my two daughters Alice and Laura, the balance of the Abel H. Shuford tract of land including the Jacob H. Shuford house and Spring to them and their heirs.

I will and bequeath unto my son Julius the books of my deceased son Harrison and eight hundred dollars in money to be paid to him by my son John, to whom I intend my home place after the death of their mother.

I will and desire unto my son John the tract of land on which I now live, after the death of his mother, and he is to pay my son Julius, eight hundred dollars as above stated, said home place to include the Dellinger land only and containing