

WILL OF MILES EDWARDS.

State of North Carolina, - - Catawba County.

I, Miles Edwards of the County and State above named being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First: - That my Executor hereinafter 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, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

ITEM: I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah S. Edwards, the right to use all lands owned by me at the time of my death, to rent or cultivate or hire cultivated so far as is necessary for her maintenance during her natural lifetime, and it is the intention of this Will that the said Sarah S. Edwards shall treat all the other heirs under this Will impartially by charging equal rents from each individual so far as is necessary for her maintenance and no further.

ITEM: I give and devise to Lewis Franklin Edwards, the sum of one dollar, together with a nine acre tract of land which I conveyed to him by deed bearing date the 2nd day of April 1891.

ITEM: I give and devise to Rhoda Gantt the sum of one dollar, together with the twenty five acre tract of land conveyed to her by deed bearing date the 2nd day of April, 1891.

ITEM: I give and devise to Margaret Caroline Edwards, her heirs and assigns, the following described tract of land: BEGINNING at a stone near a branch and runs S. 83 E. 56 poles to a stone; thence N. 50-3/4 E. 56 poles to a stone James Drum's corner; thence new lines N. 37 W. 69-1/2 poles to a red-oak bush at the side of a road; thence S. 50 W. 62-1/2 poles to a persimmon; thence S. 17 W. 10 poles to two poplars on the bank of a gully; thence S. 64-3/4 W. 24 poles to a stone at the edge of a branch; thence S. 32 E. 29 poles to the beginning, containing thirty-five acres and three rods.

ITEM: I give and devise to Nancy L. Jones, her heirs and assigns, the following described tract or parcel of land, bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a stake in Mountain Creek 70 poles below an old maple, corner, where the Buffalo Shoal road crosses the creek and runs S. 60-1/2 W. 61 poles to a stone; thence S. 1-1/2 W. 18-1/2 poles to a stone; thence S. 88-1/2 E. 11 poles to a stone; thence S. 1-1/2 W. 14 poles crossing a small branch below a spring to a dog-wood; thence N. 88-1/2 W. 11-1/8 poles to a spanish-

oak; thence S. 1-1/2 W. 95-4/5 poles to a stone on the old line; thence along said line now Jason Abernethy's line N. 89-1/2 E. 30 poles to a stone; thence due North 92 poles to a stone; thence N. 34-1/2 E. 34-1/6 poles to a spanish-oak; thence N. 60-1/2 E. 30-1/5 poles to a stake in Mountain Creek; thence up the channel of the creek as it meanders to the beginning, containing thirty-two acres and 2 rods.

ITEM: I give and devise to Julia Ann Robinson, her heirs and assigns, the following described tract or parcel of land bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a maple on the bank of Mountain Creek just below the ford where the Buffalo Shoal road crosses said creek and runs S. 35-1/4 W. 63-1/2 poles to a stone at the edge of the road; thence S. 62 E. 29 poles to a stone; thence S. 1-1/2 W. 42 poles to a large black-oak; thence S. 74 E. 7-1/5 poles to a stone; thence S. 1-1/2 W. 11-1/6 poles to a small black-oak; thence N. 74 W. 7-1/5 poles to a stone; thence S. 1-1/2 W. 88-5/6 poles to a post-oak on Jason Abernethy's line; thence along said line N. 89-1/2 E. 17 poles to a stone; thence N. 1-1/2 E. 95-4/5 poles to a spanish-oak; thence S. 88-1/2 E. 11-1/8 poles to a dog-wood; thence W. 1-1/2 E. 14 poles to a stone; thence N. 11-1/2 W. 11 poles to a stone; thence N. 1-1/2 E. 18-1/2 poles to a stone in an old field; thence N. 60-1/2 E. 61 poles to a stake in Mountain creek; thence up said creek as it meanders to the beginning, containing thirty-five acres, two rods and ten poles.

ITEM: I give and devise to J. F. Edwards, his heirs and assigns the following described tract or parcel of land, bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a pine and runs N. 63-1/2 E. 103-1/5 poles to a sassafras, lying down; thence N. 28-1/2 E. 15 poles crossing a branch to a stone, Charles Edwards corner; thence N. 42-1/6 W. 32 poles to a maple, his corner; thence S. 46-3/4 W. 54-2/5 poles to a stake J. F. Edwards' own corner; thence S. 72-3/4 W. 75 poles to a stone; thence N. 55 W. 23-1/2 poles to a stone formerly a black-oak; thence S. 18-1/2 W. 52-1/4 poles to a stone a new corner; thence N. 80 E. 71 poles to the beginning, containing thirty-three acres, and twenty poles.

ITEM: I give and devise to Moses Pinkney Edwards, his heirs and assigns, the following described tract or parcel of land, bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a stone James Drum's corner and runs S. 45-1/4 E. 18-3/4 poles to a maple stump; on the south side of a small branch; thence N. 4 E. 70-1/5 poles to a large pine dead and down; thence N. 85-3/4 W. 106 poles to a pine; thence S. 80 W. 55 poles to a stake in a branch; thence down the branch as it meanders to a small persimmon; thence S. 20 W. 18-3/5 poles to a pine on a hill-side; thence S. 45-3/4 E. 35 poles passing between two springs and crossing a branch to a stone; thence S. 32 E. 4 poles to a stone at the edge of a branch; thence N. 64-3/4 E. 24 poles to two poplars on the bank of a gully; thence N. 17 E. 10 poles to a persimmon; thence N. 50 E. 62-1/4 poles to a small red-oak at the side of a road; thence S. 37 E. 69-1/2 poles to the beginning, containing thirty-nine acres and three rods.

ITEM. I give and devise to George Ivey Edwards, his heirs and assigns the following described lots or parcels of land, bounded as follows. One-Lot, Begins at a red-oak an old corner and runs S. 1 W. 144 poles to a black-oak; thence East 20-1/2 poles to a red-oak, lying down, Jason Abernathy's corner; thence N. 89-1/2 E. 10 poles to a post-oak; thence N. 1-1/2 E. 34-5/6 poles to a stone; thence S. 74 E. 7-1/5 poles to a small black-oak; thence N. 1-1/2 E. 11-1/6 poles to a stone; thence N. 74 W. 7-1/5 poles to a large black-oak; thence N. 1-1/2 E. 42 poles to a stone; thence N. 62 W. 29 poles to a stake in the Buffalo Shoal road; thence S. 35-1/4 W. 8-1/2 poles to the beginning, containing twenty seven acres, one rood and thirty poles.

The second lot begins at a stake on the bank of Mountain Creek and runs S. 47-1/2 W. 14 poles to a stone; thence N. 59-1/4 W. along Rhoda Gantt's line 33 poles to a spanish-oak near a spring; thence N. 60-1/2 W. 30-2/5 poles to a stake in Mountain Creek; thence down the creek as it meanders to the beginning, containing four acres, one rood and ten poles.

ITEM. I give and devise to Mary Etta Edwards, her heirs and assigns the following described tract of land, bounded as follows:- BEGINNING at a stone Bruce Edwards corner and runs N. 19-1/2 W. 60-1/3 poles to a stone; thence N. 32 W. 33 poles to a stone; thence N. 45-3/4 W. 35 poles crossing a branch and passing between two springs to a pine; thence N. 20 E. 12-3/5 poles to a persimmon on a small branch; thence up as it meanders to a stake in the branch; thence S. 80 W. 16 poles to a stone on an old line; thence S. 18-1/2 W. 18-3/4 poles to a gum, Dr. E. O. Elliott's corner; thence S. 22-1/3 E. 41-3/5 poles to a stake at the edge of a road; thence S. 6-3/4 E. 99 poles to a stone on the bank of the road; thence along Bruce Edward's line N. 73-3/4 E. 61 poles to the beginning, containing thirty-seven acres.

ITEM. I give and devise to L. Franklin Edwards, Rhoda Gantt, Margaret Caroline Edwards, Nancy L. Jones, Julia Ann Robinson, J. F. Edwards, Moss Pinkney Edwards, George Ivey Edwards and Mary Etta Edwards all personal property belonging to me at the time of my death (excepting reasonable household, one cow and a year's supplies to my beloved wife) to be equally divided among the above named children after paying debts if any and

expenses of executing this Will. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend T. L. Bandy, 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 and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments be as heretofore made. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said Miles Edwards, do here unto set my hand and seal, this 9th day of April, A. D. 1900.
Miles Edwards, (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Miles Edwards to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other do subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

W. L. Loftin,)
: Witnesses.
H. F. Bollinger.)

WILL OF A. A. HOOVER.

North Carolina, -- Catawba County.

I, Adolphus Hoover, of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament: -

First: My Executor, hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of the first moneys which may come into her hands belonging to my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my beloved wife, Kate, all my land, wherever located, to have and to hold during her natural life.

Third: I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife all my personal property, of every description, to have and to hold and to use, and to dispose of as she may choose to do or will.

Fourth: It is my will that all my land, and property after the death of my said beloved wife, be equally divided between my children in equal proportion. Share and share alike.

Fifth: I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Kate Hoover, 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, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the said Adolphus Hoover do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 22nd day of February, 1904.

A. A. Hoover, (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Adolphus Hoover, to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

G. L. Reinhardt,)
: Witnesses.
H. E. Reinhardt,)