

I, Susan C. Rhyne of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous of making some disposition of the property with which the Almighty has blessed me, and desiring further to make those of my children upon whom no extraoutlay has been made in schooling and gifts in money from the estate, even in property, do make this my Last Will and Testament:

1. That my land, which I inherited from my father Henry Whitener, including the house and home where I now live, joining the lands of P. W. Whitener, A. C. Shuford, and my dower, containing sixty three acres, more or less, shall be equally divided between my son Henry W. Rhyne, my daughters Annie L. Rhyne, and Mary R. Rhyne should they all remain single or unmarried.

2. But should one or more of the three children named in this Will marry, then those remaining unmarried shall own and control the house, out buildings and orchard and the married one or ones shall not enter without the consent of said single or unmarried ones, my intention being to leave a home in possession of those who do not marry or have no one to care for them.

3. Should all three of my children named in this Will, marry either or all of them may dispose of their part of the property to whomsoever they please, but as long as one or more of them remain single or unmarried, no sale of this property shall take place except to each other, without the consent of those remaining unmarried.

4. While about three hundred dollars have been spent upon my daughter Annie L. Rhyne named in this Will, for schooling, she has more than paid this amount back so justly comes in for her part of the property, disposed of in this Will.

I here and now state for the benefit of all my children that the disposition made in this Will has been done according to my own wishes, and without the least suggestion or influence from any one.

Witness my hand and seal this November 18th, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

Susan C. Rhyne, (Seal)

Witnesses:

S. L. Whitener,  
L. R. Whitener,  
A. A. Shuford.

Not having included my money and personal property in my Will, drawn and signed, November 18th, 1895, I, Susan C. Rhyne, desire to make this an addition to said Will, and to dispose all my money and personal property in manner and form as follows:

1. It is my Will that the expense of providing for my body a decent burial, the purchase of suitable stones for marking my grave and the payment of my Doctor's bill be paid out of the money I have loaned out and after said expense has been paid the remainder of my money be equally divided between my son Henry W. Rhyne and my daughter Mary R. Rhyne.

2. It is my Will that my son Henry W. Rhyne is to have my horse, "Bob" all farming implements, wagon, corn, wheat and roughness.

3. It is my Will that my daughter Mary R. Rhyne, have all my household and kitchen furniture and all cooking utensils.

4. That the remainder of my money and personal property, after the foregoing provisions have been made, be equally divided between my son Henry R. Rhyne, and my daughter Mary R. Rhyne, which includes the growing wheat and oat crop.

Signed, sealed and declared by Susan C. Rhyne, as her Last Will and Testament in the presence of us, the undersigned witness, who have signed our names in the presence of said Susan C. Rhyne, and at her request and in the presence of each other.

This February 20th, 1905.

Susan C. Rhyne, (Seal)

Witnesses:

P. W. Whitener,  
A. C. Shuford.