

William Stiles Will.
State of North Carolina }
Catawba County }

I, William Stiles, of Catawba County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following: that is to say,

First, that my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife my plantation on which I now live, for on ^{the} ~~the~~ and grounds, ^{as well} ~~as~~, so as to include my dwelling house, all out houses, and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Susan Stiles for and during the term of her natural life, in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of my real estate.

I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife all my personal property, notes and accounts of what soever kind and nature and wheresoever the same shall be at the time of my death to her and for her use and support during her natural life. At the death of my beloved wife I will devise and bequeath to my son Jacob Stiles all the remainder of my estate both real and personal property of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever the same shall be at the time of her, the said Susan Stiles death. This my will has nothing to do whatever with any individual property that belongs to wife Susan Stiles or that belonged to her at the time I married her.

It is my will that my executor shall provide a decent burial for the body of my wife Susan Stiles at her death and to pay all expenses of her funeral out of my estate.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jacob Stiles 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 void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

I witness whereof I the said William Stiles do hereunto set my hand and seal.

This 25th day of January 1888. William Stiles ^{his} ~~mark~~ ^{mark} Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Stiles 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.

J. O. Shyford }
J. B. Trolinger. } Witnesses

State of North Carolina } I, the Superior Court.
Catawba County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm Stiles, deceased, is exhibited before us, the undersigned, P. A. Kuyke, Clerk of the said Court in and for said county, by Jacob Stiles, the executor therein named, and in due execution thereof by the said Wm Stiles is proven by the oath and nomination of J. B. Trolinger, the subscribing witness thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm Stiles. That the said Wm Stiles in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 25th day of January, 1888.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Wm Stiles the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him, and exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his

name at the end of said will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request, and in the presence of said testator. And this defendant further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the defendant subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Wm. Stiles was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this defendant, and further these defendants say not.

Seen and subscribed, this

11th day of June, 1866, me

P. A. Knight

Clk Sup Court

J. D. Shupert

J. B. Tollinger, Esq.

Last Will of Wm. Hewit Col.

I William Hewit Col. 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 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 relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts not received and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item: I give and devise to Carmela Hewit my beloved wife all my real estate household and kitchen furniture and all other property owned by me during her natural life and at her death disposed of in the following manner to wit:

Item: I give and devise to Jane Hale wife of Samuel Hale five acres of land adjoining lands now owned by Samuel Hale in the South East corner of my tract to be laid off in the manner herein after described to be hers during her natural life and at her death to descend to her bodily heirs.

Item: I give and devise to Sarah Gray wife of John Gray five acres of land adjoining the lands of Samuel Hale and the five acres devised to Jane Hale to belong to her during her natural life and at her death to descend to her bodily heirs. These two five acre lots must be laid off adjoining the lands of Samuel Hale and Gilbert McKinnis to be laid off in a manner so that both lots will adjoin the lands of Samuel Hale and so that the lots will be a fraction longer North and South than East and West.

Item: I give and devise to Perry Hewit and Harriet Senhove, wife of Jacob Senhove all the balance of my real estate not devised to Jane Hale and Sarah Gray in manner following The remain