

North Carolina In The Superior Court  
Cherokee Co & Before the Clerk  
In the matter of the will of J. H.  
Stalecup deceased. The paper hereto attached  
and purporting to be the last will  
and testament of J. H. Stalecup deceased  
is exhibited before the undersigned  
Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County  
North Carolina by M. E. Stalecup the  
executrix thereon named, and thereupon  
the following proof thereof is taken  
by oath and affirmation of T. L. Smith and  
J. L. Chastain the subscribing witnesses  
thereto.

as follows:

North Carolina Cherokee County  
T. L. Smith and J. L. Chastain being  
nearly sworn deposed and saye that  
they is a subscribing witness to  
the said paper now shown him  
purporting to be the last will  
and testament of J. H. Stalecup.  
They and each of them saw him sign or  
execute this his last will and  
testament and he was of sound mind  
and deposing now.

J. L. Smith

J. L. Chastain

Solemnly subscribed and sworn to  
be true. This Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1923

E. E. Davis

Cherokee County

and therefore it is considered and adjudged  
by the court that the said paper writing  
and every part thereof is the last will and  
testament of J. H. Stalecup deceased

and it is ordered that the same as with the  
foregoing certificate be recorded and filed.

This January 5<sup>th</sup> 1923

E. E. Davis

Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina.

Cherokee County

I J. H. Stalecup of Cherokee County N.C.  
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 no 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 money  
which may come into his hands belonging  
to my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my beloved  
wife Martha Stalecup all of the proceeds of  
my farm in Cherokee County, N.C. together  
with all of stock tools and wagons during  
her natural life, and that she is to have  
full control over all of my house and  
the improvements so long that she lives.

It is my desire that she pay all of the  
taxes that is due and that may become  
due on the place and on the stock and  
farming tools and other properties.

Third: I will and devise to my daughter  
Eller Stalecup a part of my real estate  
which I subdivided into two parcels  
and for the purpose of the description  
number one part, one and the other part  
two.

I devise to Eller Stalecup part one  
described as follows:

Beginning on the North West corner of the  
Miller Lot and running a North direction  
to the Southwest corner to the Pasture fence;  
Then with the fence to the Meadow ::  
Then a West course with the road to a  
Branch :: Then down the branch to the creek ::  
Then up the creek to the mouth of a Ditch ::  
Then up said ditch to a bridge :: Then a  
Western course with its meanders of the Hollow  
to a gap where an old road starts down  
to the creek :: Then a Western course to the  
creek :: Then down the creek to B.F. Martin  
Line :: Then South with the original line to a  
Black Oak corner (The South West corner of Tract  
Number 102) Then East to the beginning of it  
being a part of Tract Number 102 in this  
District containing forty acres more or less.

Fourth :: I give and devise to my following  
children: Viz: M.E. Stalcup, Lizzie Chastain;  
Dell Bentley; H.B. Stalcup; Laddie Lovningood  
and A.B. Stalcup Part Number Two of Tract  
Number 102 the remaining part of my real  
estate to be equally divided between them  
and their heirs.

Fifth: I hereby constitute and appoint my  
son M.E. Stalcup 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 every clause thereof,  
hereby revoking and declaring utterly void  
all other wills and testaments by me  
heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said J.H. Stalcup  
do hereunto set my hand and seal,  
this the 8th day of October 1921,

J.H. Stalcup (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and published and declared by the  
J.H. Stalcup 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 subscribe our names as witnesses  
thereto.

Witnesses:

J. L. Smith  
J. L. Chastain  
J. F. Chastain, Jr.,

Recorded January 5<sup>th</sup> 1928,

E.G. Davis, C.S.C.,  
By G.E. Keener, Deputy C.S.C.,