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Matthew Crews will 101

Matthew Crews of the County of Forsyth in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of death & testence, do make declare this my last will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say

First that my Executors (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever & to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I do give & devise to my beloved wife Susan all my property both Real & personal (after setting enough of my property to satisfy my just debts) during her natural life, or widowhood, & after the death of my beloved wife or widowhood the remainder of my property to be equally divided between my sons James M. Wm. M. Charles Edward, Martha John Joseph & Fayette

Further I leave the choice of the property to be sold to my beloved wife, or my sons to sell each as may be best suited & conveys the most moneys

Item I do give & bequeath to my eldest son James my side board cover & ab. or board and equal division when ever my beloved wife shall deposed to share it

And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my three sons James M. Crews, Matthew Crews & Joseph C. Crews my lawful Executors to all intents & purposes to execute the my last will & Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof hereby revoking & declaring utterly void all former wills by me made. In Testimony whereof the said Matthew Crews doth write at my hand & seal the day of May 1856

Test A. H. Thompson
 Martha Jones
 State of North Carolina
 Forsyth County
 the above will was duly proved & read to the jury

Matthew Crews
 March Term 1856
 The executor