

Will of Reuben Crews decd.

I Reuben Crews sen. of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item 1st That my Executor (herein after mentioned) 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, however and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my two grandsons Madison Crews & Walter Burton Crews (sons of James Crews decd) one dollar each to be paid to them by my Executor as soon as convenient after my decease.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to my two grand daughters Mary Gulp and Corry Gulp (daughters of Lewis Gulp) my bay mare the one which said Lewis Gulp bought with him from the State of Indiana, to belong to them equally to dispose of her as they may think best

Item 4th I will that my Executor, as soon as convenient after my decease, advertise according to law and sell all my book-
city both Real and Personal, save one feather bed and furniture, such as is necessary, which feather bed and its necessary furniture, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Fanny during her natural lifetime.

* Item 5th It is my will and desire that after my Executor settles the money due from the purchase of said Real and personal property, and that after the above bequests are complied with, my Executor pay over all the rest and residues of said money to my said wife, when or at any time she may request him to do so. And I desire that my said wife have said money to her own use and maintenance during her natural lifetime, and that she shall not be bound to give security for the safe keeping of either money or property bequeathed to her by this my last will and Testament.

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Item 6th My Will and desire is that immediately after my said wife's decease, that whatever of either property or money may be remaining, be equally divided between my son Harman Crows, my daughter Martha Tulp wife of Abraham Tulp, and my daughter Billy Tulp's children, and the children of my daughter Mary Powers, that is to say to said Harman & Martha per capita, and to said grand children per stirpes.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Harman Crows my lawful Executor, to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and every part and clause of the same, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Ruben Crows do herewith set my hand and seal This 30th day of February, 1857

Ruben Crows 
his mark

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Ruben Crows, to be his last will & Testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence, to subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Smith Linnille

Milton H. Linnille

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