

divided equally two single daughters. Martha not Jane in equal proportion between them - their heirs & assigns absolutely forever. This 11th of December 1855

Hazekiah Jones

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

E. H. Robbins

John J. Robbins

State of North Carolina & Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Hertford County S. March term 1858

The foregoing paper writing is exhibited in open Court and duly proven by the oath & examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon it is considered by the Court to be & contain the last will and Testament of Hazekiah Jones dec'd. it is therefore ordered, that the same be recorded & filed.

Wm. J. G. 11/11

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Thomas Reich's Will.

I Thomas Reich, of the County of Hertford and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will & Testament, in manner & form following, that is to say:

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

Then I give and devise to my beloved wife the whole of my home tract of land where I now live, so as to include all buildings, &c. and in like of her dower & thirds of and in all my real estate, to have & to hold to her the said Mary Elizabeth Reich, for & during the term of her natural life or widowhood or, and also one cow one sheep, one breeding sow, two bee stands, set choice, one Corn & 50 shingles, one stack of hay, three hundred pounds of bacon, twelve bushels of wheat straw, and twenty four bushels of wheat after harvest, out of what is now growing, & ten bushels of corn.

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all the kitchen furniture & my clock & one bed, & one table, & one looking glass, & 12 chairs, two buckets, five tops & two dollars in cash: to have first choice of all the above horses, all the land on hand, & also fifty bushels of corn most fall out of the new crop: all the potatoes on hand:

Item: I give & bequeath to my daughter, Mariah Reich, sixpence woman one bed one cow, and fifty dollars in ~~money~~ cash, to buy a Cow and wheels, and forty five Dollars in cash - one for each.

Item: I also will that my executor shall sell all my personal property not otherwise disposed of in my will, and pay over the money that I have willed to my wife & daughters, and if there should not be enough left to pay my just debts, my executor shall get the wishes of my two sons Isaac Reich & Ephraim Reich, whether they will let the said will be sold, and if they agree to let it be sold, he shall have eight acres run off, including the same mill, & sell it to the highest bidder, & apply the money to the payment of my debts - and if they had rather let the Knight's tract be sold he shall sell that tract, and apply the money to the same purpose: But if my personal property pays all my debts, neither of the above tracts of land is to be sold.

Item: I will & bequeath to my son Ephraim R. Reich, & to my son Isaac Reich, & to my daughter Mariah R. Reich single women, & all my other lands, to be divided in the following manner; Ephraim shall choose one man, & Isaac shall choose one man, & Mariah shall choose one man, - none of which shall be interested; and these men shall go on the premises, and divide the whole of the lands, not otherwise disposed of, into three separate lots, and they shall also value each separate lot, after they have divided the same, & my two sons, & my daughter shall draw lots to ascertain which tract each shall have, and those that get the lots that are valued the highest, shall pay over to those that get the lots which are not of so great a valuation.

Item: I will that my horses remain unsold until the next crop of corn is laid by, & the following year of farming lots also, and then he is it, and I also have one stock of oats to sow and to hoe, and a half bushels of corn, and one stock of hay, and all the potatoes on hand to feed the horses.

Item: I give & bequeath to my wife, in addition to what I have already willed to her fifty pounds of Bacon & eight Dollars in cash. My executor shall give a credit of

twelve months at the first sale, & six months until an other sale by the purchaser giving bond with approved security.

And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my trusty friend John S. Myers my lawful executor to execute & perform all the purposes & intents of this my last will & testament, according to the true intent & meaning of the same, and every part & clause thereof I am hereby making & declaring fully void, all other wills & testaments & bequests made by me in writing & otherwise of the said J. S. Myers. Which I have to set my hand & seal, this the twenty seventh day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Witness my hand & seal this 27th day of January 1858.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Thomas Wright to be his last will & testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John S. Myers

W. S. Cox.

Attest, at North Carolina, County of Nash, to the before signed
Stanly County, S. March 1858

The foregoing paper writing is presented in open court for probate, and the due execution of the same by the testator being duly proven by the oath & examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto, it is the opinion of the Court, that the said writing of every part & clause thereof is the last will & testament of the said decedent, and it is therefore ordered that the same be recorded & filed.

W. S. Cox