

I, C.T. Stowe, considering the uncertainty of life, do make this my last will and testament:

First: I give to my wife, M.A. Stowe, a life time interest in all my homelace containing four hundred and seven acres, and the use of all the personal property whatsoever belonging to my estate during her life time, except money and all credits or debts due my estate. My Executors herein after named will also pay her Three hundred dollars each year during her life time as a part of her support.

Second: I direct that my Belmont house & lot be sold, and at my wifes decease, I direct that all the personal property then belonging to my estate be sold. I also direct that at her death, my said homelace be sold or divided among my heirs as they may prefer.

Third: I give and direct that my estate, as above bequeathed, be divided equally among my eight children, share and share alike. Namely R. L. Stowe S. P. Stowe, Minnie L. Puett, Ida C. Boyd, M.E. Rankin, J. W. Stowe, Susan A. Stowe and George W. Stowe.

Fourth: I hereby constitute & appoint my sons R.L. Stowe, S.P. Stowe and J. W. Stowe, my lawful executors, to execute this my last will and testament, and I hereby revoke and declare void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I, the said C. T. Stowe do hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 31st day of August A.D. 1904

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C. T. Stowe (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said C. T. Stowe to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us, who, at his request & in his presence, and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

G.M. Gullick

J. P. Stowe.

State of North Carolina,

Gaston County.

In the Superior Court.

In the Matter of the last will of C.T. Stowe.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of G.M. Gullick and J. P. Stowe the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of C. T. Stowe and that the same was duly executed by said C. T. Stowe in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said C.T. Stowe was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writting be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said C. T. Stowe and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This 2nd day of December, 1907.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court,