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id Wells.

I David Wells of the County of Gaston & 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 & form following, that is to say;

First: that my executor hereinafter 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 his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item: I give and devise to my daughter Mary Gaston ninety five acres of land which includes my dwelling house & all the other buildings thereon, as represented by a plat lately made by John B White, with the charge that she is to keep the same in good repair, the said tract of land she is to have & to hold during her natural life or widowhood, and after her death or marriage and 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.

Item: I give and devise to my daughter Mary Easton ninety five acres of land which includes my dwelling house & all the other buildings thereon, as represented by a plat lately made by John B White, with the charge that she is to keep the same in good repair, the said tract of land she is to have & to hold during her natural life or widowhood, and after her death or marriage it is to be sold and the proceeds distributed as the other part of my land which is also represented by the said plat as hereinafter directed.

Item: I give & devise to my daughter Mary Easton the use and control of the balance of my land, for courses and distances reference may be had to said plat and my title deeds containing about one hundred & forty five acres

upon the condition that she is to take care
and maintain me during my natural life
and after my death the last mentioned tract of
land to be sold, together with all of my personal
property of every description, tools, stock or
anything that may remain undisposed of at
my death by my executor hereinafter named
and the proceeds to be distributed in the following
manner: My will and desire is that my
executor pay to Margaret Wells (so called) ten
dollars, this together with what she has heretofore
received, I consider as her full share,
And the balance of my estate I direct to be
equally divided among my four children, or
their legal heirs, to wit; My son David, my
grand-daughter, whose name I think is
Sarah Agnes, who is a daughter of my son John.
deceased, and now living in the State of
Arkansas or some of the western States,
also my grand-children, Christy & Andrew
[illegible] and Sarah Susan the wife of
[illegible] McJohn, who are the children of
[illegible]

Frombergers and Sarah Susan the wife of Gaston Littlejohn, who are the children of my daughter Catharine Fromberger dec'd, they are to receive a note which I hold against their mother Catharine Fromberger as a part of their distributive share of my estate (which note bears no interest) and also my daughter Mary Gaston, to share & share alike. that is; my son David to receive one fourth; my grand daughter Sarah Agnes to receive one fourth; my grand children Christy & Andrew Frombergers and Sarah Susan wife of Gaston Littlejohn to receive one fourth and my daughter Mary Gaston to receive one fourth, —

And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty friend John B. White my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same, and every part & clause thereof; hereby revoking & declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said David Wells do hereunto set my hand & seal this the 26th day of March 1876. My will is that Mary Gaston is to pay all the tax that may become due the Land.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said David Wells 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.

David his X mark Wells. (Seal)

Wm Jenkins.
James H. White.

North Carolina }
Gaston County. } Probate Court.

J. H. White & Wm Jenkins, being duly sworn on oath say each for himself that he is the person whose name is attached to the foregoing will of David Wells deceased, as a witness thereto, and that they & each of them saw the said David

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J. H. White & Wm Jenkins, being duly sworn on oath say each for himself that he is the person whose name is attached to the foregoing will of David Wells deceased, as a witness thereto, and that they & each of them saw the said David Wells, sign the same as his last will & testament, & acknowledged the same.

Wm Jenkins.
James H. White.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this the 6th day of August 1878.

E. H. Withers.
Judge of Probate.

Whereupon John B. White executor therein named duly qualified as such executor, & took the necessary letters testamentary thereto, to execute said will.

E. H. Withers. Probate Judge.
Aug. 6th 1878.