

North Carolina, Gaston County.

I, E.L. Hoffman of the aforesaid county and state, being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament:

FIRST: My executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my ^{near} friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my beloved children, Jacob Hoffman John Hoffman my two sons and Callie Kendrick Lector Cox and Lily Hanna my three daughters, the tract of land on which I now live containing fifty acres (50) to be equally divided between my two sons and three daughters as above named ^{share} and share alike.

Third: My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the devisees and legacies above mentioned, shall be sold by my executor or his successor and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my two sons and three daughters as above mentioned share and share alike.

Fourth: I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son John Hoffman my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament

executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof- hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said E.L.Hoffman do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 24 day of Aug., 1915.

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Signed sealed published and declared by the said E.L.Hoffman to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence(and in the presence of each other) do subscribe our names as witnesses th ere to.

E.S. Robinson

Geo. R. Hoke.

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court.

Gaston County.

In the Matter of the last will of E.L.Hoffman.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of E.S. Robinson and Geo. R. Hoke, the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of E.L.Hoffman and that the same was duly executed by said E.L.Hoffman in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said E.L.Hoffman was of sound mind.

It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said E.L. Hoffman and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 22 day of May, 1916.

C.C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, David A. Lineberger, of the aforesaid county and state being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, viz:

Item First: My executor hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of the first money which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Item Second: I give and devise to Minnie Catherine Lineberger Ferguson who now lives with me and has since she was a child, the tract of land on which I now reside, containing 143 acres, more or less, including a part of the old home tract and adjoining the tract on which I live, to