

Ezra B. Wilson's
Will & Testament

State of North Carolina }
Gaston County }

To all Whom it may concern.

Be it known that I Ezra B. Wilson of the County and State aforesaid. being in usual health & Sound Mind do make this my last Will and Testament and Order and dispose of all my estate both Real and Personal as follows viz.

It is my Will that all my just debts and Funeral expenses be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item 1st

I Will to my daughter Sarah E. Carroll her heirs and assigns the Ray Tract of land 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres. More or less & One Bed and clothing.

Item 2nd

I Will to my daughter Love Ann Wilson Wife of Thomas Wilson Twenty Five dollars in Specie & One Bed and clothing.

Item 3rd

I will to my daughter Mary J. Davis. Twenty Five dollars in Specie & my Sewing Machine & Cooking Stove and Corner Cupboard and one Bed & clothing & my Gray Horse & my Will is that Mary J. Davis & her Three Daughters have their living on the Plantation where I am living while they remain Single and wish to do so.

Item 4th

I Will to my Son Samuel M. Wilson Two hundred Acres

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single and wish to do so.

I Will to My Son Samuel M Wilson Two Hundred Acres of Land including his improvement for which he has a Deed and One half of my Mountain Land.

Item 5th

I Will to My Son Jos Jas Wilson Three Hundred & Thirteen Acres of Land including his improvement and One half of my Mountain Land. his heirs & assigns forever Subject to the incumbrance of Mary Jane Davis & daughters. & my Two Horse Waggon & my interest in the Thrasher & Farm. & my wearing clothes equal between him & Saml M. Wilson.

Item 6th

I Will to My Step Son Wm B. Hill Twenty five dollars. The property that is not Willed to be sold or divided equal Among my children. viz. Sarah, E. Carroll, Love Ann Wilson, Mary, J. Davis. Saml. M. Wilson and Jos Jas Wilson or their representatives & I hereby Nominate & Appoint Samuel M. Wilson & Jos Jas. Wilson Executors of This my last Will and Testament & hereby revoke all former Wills by me made.

Given under my hand and Seal this fourth day of July AD 1879.

Witness

J. A. Crawford
M. L. Lowrance

Ezra B. Wilson [L.S.]

North Carolina }
Gaston County }

Probate Court
November 19th 1880

A Paper Writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Ezra J. Wilson deceased, is exhibited for Probate before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Samuel M. Wilson & Joseph J. Wilson the executor therein named, And the due execution thereof by the said Ezra J. Wilson, is proved by the Oath and examination of J. A. Crawford and M. C. Lowrance the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, And each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Ezra J. Wilson, that the said Ezra J. Wilson, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 4th day of July 1879, And the Deponent further saith, That the said Ezra J. Wilson the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declared the said paper writing so subscribed by him And exhibited, to be his Last Will and Testament, And this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of

Aforesaid, declared the said paper writing so subscribed by him
and exhibited, to be his Last Will and Testament, and this deponent
did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an
attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of
the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said
time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last
Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his
name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Ezra
J. Wilson was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute
a Will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge,
information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say that
it is therefore considered by the court, that the said paper-
writing and every part thereof, is the last Will and Testament
of the said Ezra J. Wilson. And the same is ordered to
be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Samuel M. Wilson and Joseph J. Wilson
Executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking
the Oath required by law.

J. J. White Probate Judge

Gaston County:- In the Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Will } Before John G. White.
 of Ezra J. Wilson } Probate Judge.

Samuel Mc Wilson & Joseph James Wilson being sworn do say:
 That Ezra J. Wilson, late of said County, is dead, having
 first made and published his last Will and Testament.
 And that Samuel Mc Wilson & Jos James Wilson are the Executors
~~Named therein.~~ And further, that the property of the said
 Ezra J. Wilson, consisting of Real estate, Money in hand &
 personal property, is worth about \$6900. So far as can be
 ascertained at the date of this Application: And that Sarah
 E. Carroll, Love Ann, wife of Thos Wilson, Clementine Davis
 Louisa Davis, Sarah William Davis, Samuel Mc Wilson
 and Joseph J. Wilson, and William R. Hill, all of full age
 except Louisa & Sarah William Davis, who are infants without
 Guardian, and all resident in Gaston County, are the parties
 entitled under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me.

this 19th day of November 1880

J. G. White Probate Judge

S. Mc Wilson

J. J. Wilson