

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, G.M. Shives, 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. I give and devise to my beloved wife Levada Shives one milk cow (name Bloss) one feather bed and pillows, one bureau, two large trunks and their contents, also all the wearing apparel that did belong to my former wife (Docia) one rocking chair, one gold watch and chain, one center table.

Second- I give and bequeath to my daughter Nettie E. Shives, one cooking range, one dining room table, two feather beds, one rocking chair, one set dining room chairs, one sewing machine (Davis) one parlor organ, one cow (name Rose).

Third. I give and bequeath to my son John, one reaper (McCormac) one Mower (McCormac) One hay rake, one stalk cutter, one two-horse plow, one wheat drill, one two-horse wagon, (2 in tire) one bed (not feathers).

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my daughter Julia, one bed (not feathers) one sofa.

Fifth. My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned shall be sold at public auction under the direction of my executor hereinafter named, and all debts owing me collected, and if there be any surplus after paying all my just debts and my burial expenses that such surplus shall be equally divided between the above named Levada Shives,

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my daughter Julia, one bed (not feathers) one sofa.

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Sixth. I hereby constitute and appoint my son John Shives my lawful 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 all other wills void.

In witness whereof I the said G.M. Shives do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of August, 1914.

G.M. Shives (Seal)

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

E. O. Davis

W. L. Ware.

Witnesses.

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court.

Caston County.

In the Matter of the last will of G.M. Shives.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of E.O. Davis and W.L. Ware the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of G.M. Shives and that the same was duly executed by said G.M. Shives in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said G.M. Shives 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 G.M. Shives and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 9th day of August, 1915.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.