

In the name of God amen I Jacob Stroup of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say. First; That my Executor hereafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial & pay all funeral expenses together with just debts howsoever & to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into her hands as a part of my Estate

I give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Nancy Stroup all my Land & all my Stock Horses & Cattle, Hogs & Sheep, all my Grain born & short & growing Crop Wagon & Gear, my Blacksmith Tools, Wheat Land & all my Household & Kitchen furniture, and all my other property of every description and Estate and all monies & Notes on hand & Interest and all due me on accounts or due me otherwise, too tedious to mention

I give to her my beloved wife to have & to hold during her natural life and at her death, I will & bequeath that all my property equally to be divided between my two Daughters Martha A Stroup & Mary A Stroup solely to them and their heirs & only to their use & their heirs during their two natural lives. And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved wife Nancy Stroup my lawful Executor to all intents & purposes to Execute this my last will & Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same. In witness whereof I the said Jacob Stroup do hereunto set my hand & seal this the 14th day of August A.D. 1859

Signed Sealed published & declared in the presence of

& all my Stock Horses & Cattle, Dogs & Sheep, all my Grain Corn & Wheat
& growing Crop Wagon & Gearing, my Blacksmith Tools. Wheat Land & all my
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Signed Sealed published & declared by the said
Jacob Stroup to be his last Will & Testament in the
presence of us who at his request & in the presence
do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Moses ^{his} Stroup Jurat

Wit John B Smith Jurat

Jacob Stroup (Seal)