

State of North Carolina - Gaston County.

Last

I, James H. White, of the State of North Carolina aforesaid, being of sound disposing mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare the following as my last Will and Testament, That is to say, My Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, Coffin to be made of plain material without any foolish decorations, and a load of stones thrown on my grave to mark the place and pay all necessary expenses together with all my just debts to whomsoever owing out of any money coming into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item 1st

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret the Home tract of land with all the improvements thereon and to include all stock of every kind and description whatever and all my Waggons, Cart and Buggy and all farming tools of every description together with all the Household and Kitchen furniture and all my Books and every thing that I may own and possess at my death, to her my said wife for her use and the use of all the family that may remain and live with her during her natural life to be under her own control rule and direction for the use above mentioned. And at her death my Will is that the Home tract of land above mentioned go to my youngest son Samuel, a part of which I have heretofore made him a deed for. And my Will further is that my three sons viz: John, Sidney and Samuel have to each of their Sisters Three hundred dollars, that is Samuel have to

And my Will further is that the three sons viz. Samuel, Sidney & Samuel pay to each of their Sisters Three hundred dollars, that is Samuel pay to Margaret Three hundred & Sidney pay to Mary Three hundred & John pay to Ellen Three hundred, as soon as they can conveniently do so that Ellen have the same outfit as Mary & Margaret has had including a horse beast or its value as its moby best shirt, And my Will further is that whatever Stock or property may remain at my said wife's death of my estate I Will to be equally divided between & among the following named Children viz: John, Sidney, Samuel & Ellen or to those of them that do remain & live with her while she lives, And my Will further is that all my books be equally divided among all my Children share & share alike at their Mother's death or when or whenever her & them may agree to do so, And that all divisions herein ordered be made & done by themselves in a brother & sister like manner, And my request to my Son John is that he act liberly with Shaddens in the division of the Manney or Bridges tract of land, by giving it to Shaddens' little boys.

The interest or third that my Wife holds in the Mill & Mill tract I leave for her to dispose of as she may think proper, the interest that I held in my own right, it being one sixth or the half of one third, I have heretofore conveyed to my Son John several years ago, by deed with other lands both Sidney and him have had their lands conveyed to them several years ago, My request to my Childer is that they always act in a kind & Brother & sister like manner to one another.

Lastly

I constitute and appoint my son John B. White my sole executor of this my last Will and Testament to carry out in every particular the same, And I hereby revoke and dis-annul all other Wills by me made heretofore. And this and this to remain in force.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this 8th of May 1881.

James H. White Seal

Acknowledged to us who have hereunto
Set our hands at his request as witnesses
Saml. Black
Wm. Jenkins

Whereas. J. James H. White have made the above as my last Will and Testament on the 8th day of May 1881. Such changes have taken place over which I had no control makes it necessary to make the following alteration viz: The deed therein mentioned as made to my son Samuel has not been fully executed and it is not necessary that it should as the land therein mentioned is fully set forth in the above Will. And the mention of the deed I struck out.

In Witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal, this 5th day of May 1883.
James H. White Seal

North Carolina,
Lincoln County

Wm. Jenkins

Whereas, J. James H. White have made the above as my Last Will and Testament on the 8th day of May 1881. Such changes have taken place over which I had no control makes it necessary to make the following alterations viz: The deed therein mentioned as made to my son Samuel has not been fully executed and it is not necessary that it should as the land therein mentioned is fully set forth in the above Will. And the mention of the deed I struck out.
In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal, this 5th day of May 1883.
James H. White Seal

North Carolina,
Lincoln County;

J. V. A. McBee Clerk of the Superior Court of Lincoln County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Will of James H. White of Gaston Co. N. C. Probated before me under an order made by John A. Gilmer Judge Presiding in this the 6th Judicial District of N. C. at Shelby. dated 15. Nov. 1883.
In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & affix my official seal, this 3rd of January 1884.

J. V. A. McBee Clerk.