

Will of Samuel Strickland

I Samuel Strickland of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First- That my ^{executors} executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body a suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Second- I give and devise to my son Josiah Strickland all the land that I may be in possession of at my death to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Third- My will and devise is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts and expenses that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my four daughters to wit- Polly Oliver, Elizabeth Strickland, Jilpha Phillips and Edith Messer in equal proportions share and share alike to them and each and every one of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my true son Josiah Strickland 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 & 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 Samuel Strickland do hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of August 1853. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Samuel Strickland 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.

James M. Whitley
J. H. Barnes

Samuel B. Strickland ^{mark}

State of N. Carolina } Court House & Justice's Office
Johnston County, August Term 1857

This paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Samuel B. Strickland deceased is exhibited for probate

in open court by Josiah Strickland the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Samuel B. Strickland is proven by the oath and examination of J. M. Whitley & Jacob Barnes the subscribing witnesses thereto. 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 Samuel Strickland and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Josiah Strickland executor of as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Witness Thomas D. Sneed C. C.

Will of Rutha Vinson

Rutha Vinson of the County of Johnston & State of N. Carolina being in bad health but of sound mind & memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (to wit) I give and bequeath a sum of money sufficient to enclose my family graveyard (where I formerly lived) with ~~four~~ railing

Remedy My will and devise that all the residue of my estate after paying my just debts be equally divided between my two daughters Mary Richardson & Luinda Richardson & my daughter in law Elizabeth Vinson. In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand & seal this the 29th day of December 1857 in presence of us

Joseph Hase
William H. Ordeal

Rutha Vinson ^{mark}

State of N. Carolina } Court of Pleas & Justice's Office
Johnston County, August Term 1857

Then was this paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Rutha Vinson deceased is exhibited in open court for probate and the due execution thereof by the said Rutha Vinson is proved by the oath and examination of Joseph Hase & William Ordeal the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will of Rutha Vinson and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed.

Witness Thomas D. Sneed C. C.