

Will of John Hase

I John Hase 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 (ordain) declare this my my last will and testament do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

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

Item I give and devise to my niece Martha Rentfrow my tract of land where I now live containing of two hundred and thirty six acres to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever. I also give and bequeath to my niece Martha Rentfrow the balance of my estate after paying all my lawful debts to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Stephen Rentfrow my trusty friend my lawful executor to all intent 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 utterly void all other wills and testaments by me made heretofore.

In witness whereof I the said John Hase do hereunto set my hand and seal the 26th day of June 1855. Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Hase 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

John H. Barnes
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John Hase

Will of Thomas J. Pool.

I Thomas J. Pool of the County of Johnston County 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 following that is to say

First- That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I give and devise to my brother John W. Pool all my interest in all my property except my lands and negroes and what money may be due my estate after paying my just debts and that said John hold all and every part of my estate two years before division for the purpose of making money to pay all debts and expenses against my estate and after that period of time I give him and his heirs one third of my estate that is my land and negroes.

Item I give and devise to my sister Mary Pool one third of my estate in land and negroes and money that may be due my estate after paying all expenses.

Item I give and devise to the children of my brother James Pool that are now born or may hereafter be one third of my land and negroes and moneys that may belong to my estate after defraying all expenses & that said property be held in trust by my brother John W. Pool or some other suitable person for their sole use and benefit as may be deemed best for their interest and if any of said children should die before coming of age the surviving ones to inherit their part. I further devise and wish that the trustees who may hold in trust the property belonging to the heirs of my brother James let him the said James have the same to use for their benefit in raising and educating said children but not to use or make way with any part of the principle but as they become of age each one to have his or her equal part of said estate. In witness whereof I the said Thomas J. Pool do hereby set my hand and seal this the 16th day of July 1856. Signed sealed published & declared by the said Thomas J. Pool to be his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. Before signing I hereby constitute & appoint J. W. Pool executor to this my last will & testament as above devised & required

Richard Bell & A. Sanders

Thomas J. Pool

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