

Will of Doctr H. Musgrave

In the name of God Amen I Doctr H. Musgrave of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory blessed be God do this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one make publick and adain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz

Item I give and bequeath to the lawful children of my brother Thomas Musgrave (the children ^{whom} he now has or may here lawfully) all the property which I ~~am~~ now possess in may hereafter possess both real and personal to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my worthy friend Calvin Coon executor to this my last will and testament revoking and denying all former wills of any kind whatsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal day and date as above written

Signed & acknowledged
in the presence of.
Geo A. Green
L. H. Whitfield
D. H. Musgrave (seal)

Proven at August Term 1856. and J. H. Barnes qualified as administrator

Will of William Coats Sr.

I William Coats Sr of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existance do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First- That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of relations & friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out 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 son A. Coats one hundred acres of land to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and devise to my son William H. Coats one hundred acres of land to be his and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my son Thomas Coats one hundred acres of land to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Cintha Austin wife of Hiram Austin the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid by my executor within two years from the time of my death out of any (property) money belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of which sum together with sundry small sums heretofore advanced by me will make her a fair and equitable portion according to the value of my personal estate to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Zilla Stephenson wife of Moore Stephenson the like sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to her by my executor within two years after my death out of any moneys belonging to my estate to be hers at her disposal forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Emily Johnson wife of James B. Johnson the like sum of one hundred dollars to be paid by my executor within two years from the time of my death out of any moneys belonging to my estate to be hers at her disposal forever.

Item I give and bequeath to the children of my deceased daughter Penelope Flowers formerly the wife of Jacob Flowers (viz to the eldest of her children David Lucian Flowers the sum of twenty five dollars & to William W. Flowers next eldest the like sum of twenty five dollars the said sum to be given by my executor with at interest within two years from the time of my death and so continued untill the said

above named in this item shall arrive at the full age of twenty-one years or shall have a guardian lawfully appointed when the said sum of twenty-five dollars each with what interest may accrue to be paid to them as in the item directed,

Item My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the divisions and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses & legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my children in equal proportion share and share alike to them and each and every one of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

Item I give and devise to my son Moira Coats two notes which I hold against him to be his and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my son John R. Coats the sum of five dollars to be his and his heirs forever.
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly son William H. Coats 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 clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I William Coats do hereunto set my hand and seal this the sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

William Coats (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Coats 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.

Benjamin Grimes.
Gaston Johnson.

Johnston County Court November Term 1856
Then was the foregoing will duly proven in open Court and ordered to be recorded.
J. H. Kennedy clk

Will of Abigail Allen
I Abigail Allen of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina do this 5th day of February A.D. 1856 make public and declare this to be my last will and testament knowing that all of the humane family has to die

First- I recommend my soul to God who first gave it and my body to be buried with a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors here after to be appointed after that it is my will that all my just debts be paid.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Esther Elizabeth Allen daughter of Nathan S. Allen one feather bed and furniture one bureau one side saddle one cow and calf one chest.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Vinson the sum of ten dollars in cash.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Phoebe Vinson ten dollars in cash.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson Nathan B. Allen he and his heirs all the ballance of my estate in land money or any thing otherwise and I do hereby appoint my worthy friend Nathan Williams executor to this my last will and testament date and year above written. Signed sealed in presence of us who were present of her at the time of signing of the same.

Witnesses
Ransom Lee
B. R. Lee
Abigail Allen (Seal)
mark

Johnston County Court February Term 1857
Then was this paper writing duly proved by the oath of Ransom Lee & B. R. Lee the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of Abigail Allen deceased and ordered to be recorded.
J. H. Kennedy clk