

Isaac Stroud,
dec.
Last Will and
Testament.

I Isaac Stroud, of the County of Lenoir 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 executor 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, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah Ann all of that portion of my land from the high water mark of the South-west prong of Lucehoo to the burn coat roads supposed to contain eighty-five acres more or less, for and during her natural life time, and at her death to my son Isaac Stroud's son Isaac. To him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah Ann one child's part of my personal estate, and one year's support for herself.

Item. I give and devise to my two grand-sons John Isaac Mercer (son of Job & Pina Mercer) and James Sindab (son of Allen and Hannah Sindab) all that portion of my lands on the north side of Lucehoo including Lucehoo swamp: said land to be equally divided between them, and be to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise unto my daughter Pina Mercer one year's support for herself and children, provided they remain as a part of my family until my death.

Item. I give and devise unto Harriet, a colored woman, one year's support for herself, provided she shall remain as one of my family until my death.

Item. I devise that all the remainder of my property of every description shall be sold and the proceeds be equally divided among all my children, viz.: Isaac Stroud, Owen Stroud, Lewis Stroud, Richard Stroud, Isaac Stroud, Susan Stroud, Farness Stroud, James A. Stroud, Job Stroud, Elizabeth Brown, Hannah Sindab, Nancy Turner, Pina Mercer, and Minnie Sindab's children, viz.: Nancy Sindab and Sarah Sindab if living at the time of my death: if not, the part to be divided among the rest of my children.

Item. I devise that my wearing apparel be distributed among my sons as they may see proper to divide them.

And lastly. I do constitute and appoint my two sons Amos Stroud and Owen Stroud, executors to this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hands and seal this 27th day of July A. D. 1871.

Witness:

John Maxwell
Artus Jones, Sr.

Isaac Stroud. *[Signature]*

Note.

The above Will of Isaac Stroud, and the proceedings thereon, were found by me among the unfinished business of R. D. Guen, late Probate Judge, on the 22nd day of March, 1872.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

Recorded the 25th day of March, 1872.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

William Ormand.

Application of
J. A. Edwards,
Ex'r

To admit will
to probate.

State of North Carolina,
County of Lenoir.

In the Probate Court.

I. The undersigned J. A. Edwards begs leave to certify that William Ormand, late of the County of Lenoir, died about the 9th day of May, 1872, leaving a last will and testament.

II. And that the said testator named J. A. Edwards in his said last will and testament executor to said will.

III. The property of said testator consists of land, Town bonds &c, and is worth about two thousand dollars. The heirs at law named in said will are as follows, viz: Lacey A. Dixon, Sidney A. Hooper, Susan E. Ormand, Nancy Summerville, Benjamin H. Ormand, and James H. Ormand all of the age of 21 years.

Given and subscribed
before me this 17th day
of May, 1872.

W. H. Hunter,
Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina,
 Fenois County. } In the Probate Court,
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will
 and testament of William Ormands, deceased, is
 exhibited before me the undersigned, Judge of
 Probate in and for said County by J. A. Edwards
 the Executor therein named, and the due execu-
 tion thereof by the said William Ormand by the
 oath and examination of J. L. Kilpatrick and H. C.
 Howard, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being
 duly sworn depose and say, and each for himself
 depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness
 to said paper writing, now shown him, purporting
 to be the last will and testament of William Ormand
 that the said William Ormands in the presence of the
 presence of this deponent, J. L. Kilpatrick, subscribed
 his name at the end of said paper writing which is
 now shown as aforesaid and which bears date on
 the 21st day of January, 1872, and did in the presence
 of this deponent, H. C. Howard acknowledge the
 signing the said paper writing. And the depo-
 nent further saith that the said William Ormand
 the testator aforesaid did at the time of signing his
 name as aforesaid declare the paper writing as sub-
 scribed by him, and exhibited to be his last will
 and testament, and this deponent did thereupon
 subscribe his name at the end of said will as an at-
 testing witness thereto, and at the request and in the pres-
 ence of the said testator. And this deponent further
 saith that at the said time when the said testator
 subscribed his name to the said last will, as afore-
 said, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing
 his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid,
 the said William Ormands was of sound mind and
 memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not
 under any restraint to the knowledge, information
 or belief of this deponent, and further the deponent
 says not.

Severally sworn and
 subscribed this 14th
 day of May, 1872.

H. C. Howard,
 Probate Judge.

John L. Kilpatrick,
 H. C. Howard.

William Ormands,
 Last Will and
 Testament.

I, William Ormand, of the County of Fenois and State of
 North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but con-
 sidering 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:

Dirct: That my executor (hereinafter named) shall
 provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the
 wishes of my relations and 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 daughter Sidney A. M.
 Harper, wife of J. E. D. Harper, the following tract of
 land known as a part of the Hardy lands beginning at
 a stake in the line of my home tract near the mill and
 near the end of a cross fence on the Hardy lands and
 runs in a westerly direction or a north-westerly course
 to Carr's corner formerly a red oak, then along the line
 of Carr's lands to the Thomas lands and with the line
 of that land to my home tract, and along the line of my
 home tract to the beginning, containing eighty-three acres
 more or less, to her and her heirs lawfully begotten by
 her body forever and my will and desire is that in case
 my said daughter, Sidney A. M. Harper should die leav-
 ing her husband J. E. D. Harper her surviving that he the
 said J. E. D. Harper shall have the privilege of holding said
 land as a homestead for himself and children during
 his life.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter Susanna E.
 Ormand the following tract of land, viz: beginning
 at a stake in the line of my home tract near the end
 of a cross fence on the Hardy land and near the mill
 and runs in a westerly or north-westerly course to Carr's
 corner, formerly a red oak, then with his line to the creek
 and with the creek to my home tract, and along the line
 of my home tract to the beginning, it being the balance
 of the Hardy land, containing eighty-three acres
 more or less to her and her heirs lawfully begotten
 by her body, and in case she should die leaving
 no children, that the land herein given her shall be
 sent to my daughter Sidney A. M. Harper to her
 and her heirs lawfully begotten by her body
 forever. I also give to my daughter Susanna E.