

have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day & year  
above written

Witness James. Francis  
James Barnett. Secy.

Madam Mungate Esq.  
made

C. J. Hunter & Son

April Sepius 1859

## David Crooks Will

Lincoln County & State of North Carolina September 12<sup>th</sup> 1851

In the name of God Amen I David Crooks do make & declare this  
my last Will & Testament, Then I commit my soul to God in Jesus  
Christ his Son. my body to the earth

Item 1. I give & bequeath to my wife Catharine the Plantation on which  
I now live during her natural life if she shall so long remain my widow  
at her death it is to be equally divided among my Children, should she  
marry, I will her during life one third part of said farm the balance to  
be equally divided among my Children. I also will & give my wife Catharine  
full and ample power at any time during her widowhood to sell & alien  
said farm provided she uses the proceeds of said sale to purchase land  
in any part of the United States to which she may wish to move —  
said farm when thus purchased to be subject to the conditions of  
this will as the one on which I now live or if she can in any

other way invest the proceeds of said sale to better advantage by the purchase of stock or by putting it on interest so as to yield a more convenient better or more desirable annual income she is at full liberty to do so. it being my will that it be secured against loss of the principal which with the interest is at her death to be equally divided among my children and if she marry she is to have one third part for life upon her marriage the two thirds is to be equally divided among my children & the remaining third at her death

Item 3. I give & bequeath to my children equal parts of whatever money I have at interest, my wife to have the use of the interest during her life if she shall so long remain my widow & at her marriage should she marry she forfeits the whole except the interest of one third which she may continue to draw during her life. at her death the principal & whatever of interest may be due on this third part is also to be divided equally among my children, I will that my wife may during her widowhood if she can spare it & need be use a part of said money principal or interest in the education of my children, provided she give toward the education of one no more than she may be able to give another or if she see fit she may give to the Boys as they arrive at the age of Twenty one years and the Girls as they reach the age of Eighteen years an equal portion of this money not giving one more than she shall be able to give each one. I will that she keep a strict account & make all equal & in no wise is she required to give as to bring herself to want keeping all on interest if she need it

Item 4 Should it be found at my death that I am owing debt I will

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Item 4 Should it be found at my death that I am any in debt I Will that all my debts be paid out of whatever money may be due me either by Salary or otherwise and whatever may be due me more than is necessary for this purpose is to be put on interest and used as directed in Item 3. - Item 5 Should I sell the plantation on which I now live & the proceeds of said sale be found in my possession at my decease my wife is empowered to use said money as directed in Item 2.

Item 6. I will that my Watch & library be divided or distributed equally among my Children in parts, parcels or portions of equal Value it being left optional with my wife Catharine to do this or cause it to be done during her life time, or use them during her life & leave such division to be made at her decease

Item 7. I give & bequeath to my wife Catharine full and ample power, Should she leave or sell the farm on which I now live, to Collect whatever money may be due me on notes or otherwise & put it out on interest in the Neighborhood where she may reside so as to be most convenient

Item 8. I give & bequeath to my wife Catharine all my household & kitchen furniture, all my grain either in the ground or else where, all my stock of every kind with their increase my Barrowe Waggon all my farming utensils together with any & every & all goods & chattels, goods or property of every kind which may be found in my possession at my death &

not mentioned or named in this my Will to have & to hold forever  
 Item 9. It is my Will that my children receive a liberal education so  
 far as their means & capacity will admit & also if it be possible and  
 convenient that each one shall have a trade. Signed & sealed with my  
 own hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1857 David Crooks Test

Codicil, I will that my wife Catharine should she dispose of or  
 sell the farm on which I now live during her widowhood. May use  
 if she wish a part or the whole of whatever money I have at interest  
 with the interest at my decease along with the sum she may get for  
 said farm in the purchase of land elsewhere according to Item 2.  
 Witness my hand & seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1857.

David Crooks Test

Catharine Crooks. Ex<sup>or</sup> Suor

## Amelia Carpenter's Will

I Amelia Carpenter of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina  
 being of sound mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of my earthly  
 existence do make & declare this my last will and testament in manner and  
 form following that is to say

First that my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent