

Elizabeth Schenck's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Schenck of the County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & disposing memory but well advanced in years & knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following to wit:

First that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial & suitable to the wishes of my Friends and Relations and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever & to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate.

Item. I will & bequeath that the following negroes to wit; Henry, Mary, Mary, Bill, Henry, Sarah, Laura, Melinda, Frank, Edward, Mary, and Childs, Lizzy and Angelina to be sold by three Commissioners appointed by the Court. And said negroes be divided into two equal shares according to said valuation, the one of said shares I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary McLean. The other of said shares I give & bequeath to my Granddaughter Violet McLean.

and direct that the tract of or parcel of land of one hundred
and thirty two (132) acres lying the lands of Mrs. M. H. Ramsour, Eliza Sullivan
& others one lot. No. 44. in the town of Uniontown lying Alfred Ramsour, Wallace
Ramsour & others and all my claim and interest in Lot. No. 2 on which
I live lying Jacob Ramsour & he sold or value by three Commissioners
appointed by the Court & the land or the proceeds of its sale be equally divided
between my two granddaughters, Mary & Violet McLean
them, I devise & direct that any part. portion or the whole of my said land
& real estate be sold at the discretion of my Executor and I do hereby author-
ize & empower said Executor to make & execute necessary deeds & conveyan-
ces for the same the proceeds to be applied as above directed
them, I will & direct that all the residue of my estate be sold at public auction
and the proceeds to be applied to the payment of my Just. debts and in case of
any deficiency I devise & direct the tract or parcel of 132 acres of land be
sold and the proceeds also applied to ~~my~~ said payment of debts to be equally di-
vided between my two granddaughters, Mary & Violet McLean
And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint A. D. McLean my lawful Executor
to all intents & purposes to execute this my last Will & Testament according
to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof hereby
wrote and declaring utterly voice all other Wills & Testaments by me
heretofore made, In witness Whereof I the said Eliza Sullivan Schenck do
signe sealed publish & declare by
the said Eliza Sullivan Schenck to be her last Will

Then, I devise & direct that any part, portion or the whole of my said land & real estate be sold at the discretion of my Executor and I do hereby authorize & empower said Executor to make & execute necessary deeds & conveyances for the same the proceeds to be applied as above directed.

Then, I will & direct that all the residue of my estate be sold at public auction and the proceeds to be applied to the payment of my just debts and in case of any deficiency, I devise & direct the tract or parcel of 132 Acres of land be sold and the proceeds also applied to ~~make~~ said payments and whatever remains in the hands of my Executor after payment of debts to be equally divided between my two granddaughters, Mary & Violet McLean.

And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint A.A. McLean my lawful Executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last Will & Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness Whereof I the said Elizabeth Sherman do hereunto set my hand & seal this 4 day of December A.D. 1861

Witness said & declare by the said Elizabeth Sherman to be her last Will & Testament in presence of us who at her request & in her presence do subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto

Elizabeth Sherman

Wm. Lobb Esq
Wm. G. Brown Esq

A.A. McLean Exr. named