

# Isaac Houser's Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Isaac Houser, of the County of Lincoln and State of North  
Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering  
the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare  
this my last Will and Testament in manner & form  
following that is to say

First I direct that my body shall be buried in the  
old White Church graveyard in the town of Lincolnton  
and that my Executors have a decent Marble  
Tomb Stone erected to mark the place of my Sepulture.

Second I will all my Estate Real and personal of every  
kind to my beloved wife Catharine Houser to have  
and to hold during her Natural, and at her death  
I will that it be equally divided between my six  
children, Thomas Hanson, Julian Leir Leray <sup>Lindsay</sup>,  
Julia Eliza Jane Ariss, & Charity Ruth Houser or other  
representatives in law - and it is my further Will that  
my wife Catharine Houser shall have power & authority  
which is hereby given her to make any reasonable allowance  
ments to the children charging them with the same that it  
may be accounted for in the division at her death which  
as above stated is to be equal - I do further empower and  
authorize my Executors and Executrix herein after named  
if in their judgment the necessities of my family require

First I direct that my body shall be buried in the  
old White Church graveyard in the town of Linton  
and that my Executor & Executor have a decent Marble  
Tomb Stone erected to mark the place of my sepulture.

Second I will all my Estate Real and personal of every  
kind to my beloved wife Catharine Hooper to have  
and to hold during her natural, and at her death  
I will that it be equally divided between my self  
children, Thomas Hanson, Julia, their Leroy Lindsay  
Julia Eliza Jane, Isaac, & Liberty Ruth Hooper or other  
representatives in law - And it is my further will that  
my wife Catharine Hooper shall have power & authority  
which is hereby given her to make any reasonable advance-  
ments to the children charging them with the same that it  
may be accounted for in the division at her death which  
as above stated is to be equal - I do further empower and  
authorise my Executor and Executor hereinafter named  
if in their judgment the necessities of my family require  
it to sell either at public or private sale, so they may choose  
any of my property real or personal and apply the proceeds  
of said sale or so much thereof as is required to the use of  
the family in living their necessities provided that should  
the proceeds be more than is required I direct that the  
surplus be placed at interest and only the interest used

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and that said principal be not used except from absolute necessity.

Thirdly, It is further my will, that my daughters until they are married and my grand children until they arrive at the age of twenty one years old, shall have a home with my wife and be a part of her family.

Fourth, I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Catharine Houser, and my son Thomas Houser Houser, the executors and executors of this my last will and testament, which is hereby made & published this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1866

Witnessed

Friedrich L. St.  
Wander, Jr. at

Isaac Houser

Catharine Houser Executrix above

Adam Ellinger's Will

In the name of God Amend

Adam Ellinger of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, whereas