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Lincoln County Dec 17th 1868

Lincoln County In the Probate Court
In the matter of the Will of Martha Houser
Martha Houser Before S P Sherrill
Judge of Probate

Serv Sain being sworn doth say that Martha Houser late of said County is dead having first made and published her last Will and Testament; and that Serv Sain is the executor named therein further, that the property of the said Martha Houser consisting of personal property is worth about \$200⁰⁰ so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that Rufus L James M & Sara Ann E Houser all Minors are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property
I swear to and subscribed before me
this 17th day of December 1868

S E Sain

S P Sherrill Probate Judge

State of North Carolina S S In the Probate Court
Lincoln County

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha Houser deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Serv Sain the executor therein named and the one execution thereof by the said Martha Houser by the oath and examination of James Franklin Houser & Solomon Young the subscribing witnesses thereto.

Probate for said County, by Levy Sains the executor therein named and the
one execution thereof by the said Martha Houser by the oath and examination
of James Franklin Houser & Solomon Young the subscribing witnesses thereto
who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself separately
and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown
him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha Houser
That the said Martha Houser in the presence of this deponent subscribed her
name at the end of said writing which is now shown as aforesaid and
which bears date of the 12th day of December 1868, And the deponent further
saith that the said Martha Houser the testator aforesaid did at the
time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing
so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament
and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said
will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence
of the said testator, And this deponent further saith that at the said time
when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last Will as of
aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attest-
ing witness thereto, as aforesaid the said Martha Houser 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 these deponents say not

Solely sworn and Subscribed this
17th day of December 1868 before me
L P Sherrill

Probate Judge

Solomon Young

Edgar
Lee

Martha Housers Will

I Martha 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 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 my relations and friends and to pay all funeral expenses together with all just debts house and to whomever owing out of monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I give and bequeath to my son Rufus Lee Houser and my son James Monroe Houser and to my daughter Dora Ann Eliza Houser Equal shares of my estate my will is that my executor shall sell my property of every name and kind and divide the money equally between my three children James Monroe Houser and Rufus Lee Houser and Dora Ann Houser

And lastly I do ^{herely} constitute and appoint Levi Sain my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the intent and meaning of the same and part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Martha Houser do hereunto set my hand and Seal this the 12th day of December one Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight Signed Sealed and published and declared by the said Martha Houser to be her last Will

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and testament in the presents of us who at her request
and in her presents do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

James Franklin Houser
Salomon Young

Martha Houser
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