

October Sessions 1857

Thomas Dees Will

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Dees of Lincoln County North Carolina being of sound disposing mind & memory thanks be to the Lord for his kind mercies do make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following) Viz

To my beloved Wife Martha I will & bequeath my house & Lots No 26 & 27 in the North East Square of Lincolnton also all my personal Estate (Excepting such property as I hereafter devise to my Son George during her lifetime or widowhood and after her decease I will all my property not devised to my Son George to be sold by the legal representatives of my Estate and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided amongst all my Children Except my Son Thomas to whom I will no part of my Estate Should my Wife & Executors at any time think it most advantageous to my Estate & most convenient to herself & my family to sell my house & Lots I hereby empower her to sell the same & make title to the purchaser and if she should think proper to invest the

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I to my beloved Wife Martha
I will & bequeath my house & Lots No 24 & 27
in the North East Square of Wilmington also
all my personal Estate (Excepting such
property as I hereafter devise to my Son George
during his lifetime or Midwinter and after
his decease I will all my property not devised
to my Son George to be sold by the legal
Representatives of my Estate and the proceeds of
said sale to be equally divided amongst all
my Children Except my Son Thomas to whom
I will no part of my Estate Should my Wife
I Executrix at any time think it most advantageous
to my Estate & most convenient to herself & my
family to sell my house & Lots I hereby empower
her to sell the same & make title to the purchaser
and if she should think proper to invest the
proceeds or a part thereof in Real Estate elsewhere
to do so, It is further my will that if any
of my Children that are now single & living
with us should marry that my Executrix shall
if she can conveniently do so furnish them

with such property as has been furnished
 those that have married & left us with which
 property they have been charged in an account
 book by me kept for that purpose. But should
 it not be convenient to make such a division
 in that case such child or children shall have
 an equivalent therefor when my estate is sold
 out of the proceeds of the sale of the same
 before the general division takes place

To my son George I will & bequeath my
 Grey Mare saddle & bridle my shop tools of
 every kind & all the shop lumber that may
 be on hand at my decease In addition to
 his equal share of the proceeds of the sale of
 my other property with my other devise

I do nominate & appoint my beloved wife
 executrix of this my last will & Testament
 whom I also appoint Guardian of such
 of my children as may be minors at my
 decease. In Witness whereof I have here
 unto set my hand & seal this 19th day of
 the twelfth month AD. 1836

Signed & sealed in

presence of

Miles W. Alsmathy

Samuel Sanders

Thomas Devis (Seal)