

North Carolina }
Randolph County }

I C S Kearns of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind but Considering the uncertainty of my health, I therefore do make and declare this my last Will and Testament -

(1) I give and devise to my beloved wife MCKearns a certain portion of a tract of land upon which I now live beginning at D B Lewis' Corner on Skuns line running in an Southeastern direction including the Crawford Rd house, to a road thence along said road to the head of a ditch including a ten acre bottom, thence down the various courses of said ditch following River, thence down the same, so as to include four acres of the fresh bottoms, thence in a Southern direction to a ditch thence down the same to said River, thence down the River to the lost Islands, thence on the line of B W Stud to a gum, thence in a Northern direction with the road a Stake, thence in a Western direction to D B Lewis line thence with the same to the beginning.

(2) I give and bequeath to J H Kearns and J N Kearns my sons, my entire interest in a tract of land in Montgomery County containing Five hundred acres, adjoining W S Ingram & Jenkins, and others valued at Six Hundred Dollars each.

(3) I give and bequeath to my daughter Dora E Watson, wife of W W Watson a tract of land in Randolph containing 171 acres adjoining the lands of J W Ingram, Julius Kearns and others, known as the Carter lands valued at Six Hundred Dollars.

(4) I give and bequeath to J M Kearns my youngest son all of the lands upon which I now live, subject to what I have devised and given to MCKearns also a half interest in the buildings upon the lands upon which I now reside valued at Three thousand five hundred dollars.

(5)

I do hereby (hurby) authorize my Executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts out of the first money which may come into their hands and pay to J H S Kearns & Dora E Watson four hundred dollars each so they may become equal with J M Kearns

(6)

I do hereby constitute and appoint J H Kearns and J N Kearns my Sons, my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament and if any other property may come into their hands they shall divide the same equal among my heirs -

In witness whereof, the said C S Kearns do hereby set my hand and seal, this 21st day of June 1897.

C S Kearns Seal
Signed, sealed and published and declared by the said C S Kearns to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses, this day,

J W Siegrain
W W Newby
H C Scott

This is a true copy of the Will of C S Kearns, seal.

G G Hendricks

As Clerk

North Carolina }
Randolph County }

J. G. G. Hendricks Clerk of the Superior Court do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of C S Kearns' Will filed and recorded in this office.

This Jan. 23, 1899

G G Hendricks
Clerk Superior Court

Seal

North Carolina }
Randolph County }

I C S Kearns of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind but Considering the uncertainty of my health, custome do make and declare this my last Will and Testament -

(1) I give and devise to my beloved wife MCKearns a certain portion of a tract of land upon which I now live, beginning at D B Lewis' Corner on Skuns line running in an Southeastern direction including the Crawford Old house to a road thence along said road to the head of a ditch including a ten acre bottom, thence down the various courses of said ditch to the River, thence down the same, so as to include four acres of the fresh bottoms, thence in a Southern direction to a ditch thence down the same to said River, thence down the River to the lost Islands, thence on the line of B W Sted to a gum, thence in a Northern direction with the road a Stake, thence in a Western direction to D B Lewis line thence with the same to the beginning.

(2) I give and bequeath to J H Kearns and J N Kearns my Sons, my entire interest in a tract of land in Montgomery County containing Five hundred acres, adjoining W H Siegrane & Jenkins, and others valued at Six Hundred Dollars each.

(3) I give and bequeath to my daughter Dora C Watson, wife of W W Watson a tract of land in Randolph containing 171 acres adjoining the lands of J H Siegrane, Julius Kearns and others, known as the Dealer lands valued at Six Hundred Dollars.

(4) I give and bequeath to J M Kearns my youngest son all of the lands upon which I now live, subject to what I have devised and given to MCKearns also a half interest in the buildings upon the lands upon which I now reside valued at Thru thousand five hundred dollars.

(5) I do hereby (hurby) authorize my Executors hereafter named to pay all my just debts out of the first money which may come into their hands and pay to W J Kearns & Dora C Watson four hundred dollars each so they may become equal with J M Kearns

(6) I do hereby constitute and appoint J H Kearns and J N Kearns my Sons, my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament and if any other property may come into their hands they shall divide the same equal among my heirs -

In witness whereof, the said C S Kearns do hereby set my hand and seal, this 21st day of June 1897.

C S Kearns Seal
Signed Sealed and published and declared by the said C S Kearns to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

J H Siegrane
W W Harvey
H C Strat

This is a true copy of the Will of C S Kearns, sealed.

G G Hendricks

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North Carolina
Randolph County }

J. G. G. Hendricks Clerk of the Superior Court do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of C S Kearns' Will filed and recorded in this office.

This Jan. 23, 1899
G G Hendricks
Clerk Superior Court

Seal

North Carolina }
Randolph County }

I C S Kearns of the aforesaid County and State being of sound Mind But Considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament -

(1) I give and devise to my beloved wife M C Kearns a certain portion of a tract of land upon which I now live, beginning at D B Lewis Corner on Kearns line running in an Southeastern direction including the Crawford Mc house, to a road

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Randolph Co*

thence along said road to the head of a ditch including a ten acre bottom, thence down the various courses of said ditch to the same River, thence down the same, so as to include four acres of the fresh bottom, thence in a Southern direction to a ditch thence down the same to said River, thence down the River to the lost Islands, thence on the line of B W Sted to a gum, thence in a Northern direction with the road a Stake, thence in Western direction to D B Lewis line thence with the same to the beginning.

(2) I give and bequeath to J F Kearns and J H Kearns my Sons, my entire interest in a tract of land in Montgomery County containing Five Hundred acres, adjoining W J Siegrain & Jenkins, and others valued at six hundred dollars each

(3) I give and bequeath to my daughter Dora C Watson, wife of W W Watson a tract of land in Randolph Containing 171 acres adjoining the lands of J W Siegrain, John Reavis and others, known as the Carter lands valued at six hundred dollars.

(4) I give and bequeath to J M Kearns my youngest Son all of the lands upon which I now live, subject to what I have devised and given to M C Kearns also a half interest in the buildings upon the lands upon which I now reside valued at Three thousand five hundred dollars

(5)

I do hereby (Hendry) authorize my Executors hereinafter named to pay all my just debts out of the first money which may come into their hands and pay to J W J S Kearns & Dora C Watson four hundred dollars each so they may become equal with J M Kearns

(6)

I do hereby Constitute and appoint J F Kearns and J H Kearns my Sons, my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament and if any other property may come into their hands, they shall divide the same equal among my heirs.

In witness whereof, I the said C S Kearns do hereby set my hand and seal, this 21st day of June 1897.

C S Kearns Seal
Signed Sealed and published and declared by the said C S Kearns to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses, this day of June 1897.

J W Siegrain
W W Hendry
H C Stant

This is a true copy of the Will of C S Kearns. Seal.

G G Hendrecks

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North Carolina }
Randolph County }

J G G Hendrecks Clerk of the Superior Court do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of C S Kearns Will filed and recorded in this Office.

This Jan. 23, 1899
J G G Hendrecks
Clerk Superior Court

Seal

North Carolina & Superior Court
Montgomery County Before the Clerk
Upon the foregoing Certificate of the
Seal of the Superior Court of Randolph County
the foregoing and annexed Copy is admitted to
be a Correct Copy of the last Will and Testament
of C S Kearns, deceased, duly proven and recorded
in the County of Randolph and the same is
therefore ordered to be recorded in the Clerk's
office of the Superior Court of Montgomery County
as a properly verified copy of the last Will
and Testament of the said C S Kearns, deceased.
This January 28th 1899

Copy of
Will of
C S Kearns
Randolph Co.

Attorney
C. S. C.

State of North Carolina
Montgomery County

I James R Morton of said County
and State with a purpose to provide for the sus-
taining and management of what property I may
own at my death, either personal, real or mixed
do make and declare this to be my last Will and
Testament in manner and form following -

It is my will and desire that my body
shall be decently buried as my relatives and
friends may desire.

That my Executor herein after named shall
pay all funeral expenses and my just debts
out of the first money that may come into his
hands, either of Cash or hand, debts due
to my Estate or by a sale of property as he
may deem best.

That after the payment of my debts, funeral
expenses and costs of administration, I will de-
cide and bequeath that the remainder, whether
in Cash remaining from sales that maybe
made, or of unsold property, personal or real
estate shall be distributed to my beloved wife
Nancy Adeline Morton and to my youngest son
Samuel Armelton Morton, the whole to be and
remain the property of my said beloved wife
during her natural life or widowhood for her
use and comfort and upon her death or marriage
the same shall be secured for the benefit of
my said beloved son Samuel Armelton and it
is further my will and desire that if my second
youngest son Joseph Turner Morton shall
remain with his Mother, my said beloved
wife until his majority and be faithful and
obedient provision shall be made out of
the property or money devised in this Article
for a fair and reasonable education for him
so long as he shall remain with his mother
I leave it to the discretion of my Executor how-
ever, and he shall determine at my death and
in the Settlement of my Estate if there re-
main two horses unsold the second choice
of horses shall be given to my said son