

James B. Muse's Will

I, James B. Muse, of the County of Moore 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 & 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 pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hand as a part or parcel of my estate.

2^d Item - I give and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Muse, all that tract of land on which I now live containing about seventy three acres more or less on the Plank Road about one mile above Carthage, including my dwelling house and all out houses, and other improvements, to have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth Muse for and during the term of her Natural life.

3^d Item I give and devise to my son George B. Muse all that tract of land on which I now live containing about seventy three acres more or less on the Plank Road about one mile above Carthage - Subject however to the life estate in said land given to my wife Elizabeth Muse, and the further limitation that my daughter Lydia Muse & my grand son Lucian Muse shall be permitted to occupy and enjoy the house, as a home and lieu of abode and cultivate said lands without any let or hindrance from the said George B. Muse or any other person, and without paying rent so long as they live single - to to have and to hold to him the said George B. Muse and his heirs the above described land subject to the above limitations.

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4th Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Muse all the personal estate of which I may be possessed at my death, during her natural life except so much as may be necessary to be sold by my Executor for the payment of my debts to wit all my beds and furniture, house hold and kitchen furniture, horses, cattle hogs, sheep, farming utensils wagon, gear &c.

5th Item It is my will and desire that my Executor after the death of my wife Elizabeth Muse shall sell at public sale all my personal property remaining undisposed of and divide the proceeds equally between my children to wit, Elinton B. Muse, Henderson Muse, Alexander H. Muse and wife Polly Lydia Muse, Locky, Mary and wife Mary Ann I think we have already given to Mrs. Hammond wife of Martha their full share.

6th I give and bequeath to my son George B. Muse my two Negro slaves, Sam & Abner, and lastly I do hereby appoint my son George B. Muse my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of same fully working and fulfilling of it wholly void all other will and testament by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th Nov 1860

Signed Sealed & published by said James B. Muse to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe & attest
A. H. McNeill
A. R. McDonald

James B. Muse Will
North Carolina County Court January Term
Moore County 1865

A paper writing purporting to the last Will
and Testament of James B. Muse deceased
is exhibited for probate in open Court by George
G. Muse the Executor therein named and the
due execution thereof by the said James B. Muse
is proved by the oath and examination of A. H. McNeill
- A. R. McDonald the Subscribing Witness thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court that
the said paper writing and every part thereof
is the last will and Testament of the said James
B. Muse, and the same is ordered to be
recorded and filed and thereupon the
said George G. Muse Executor aforesaid duly
qualified as such by taking the oath required
by Law

A. H. McNeill

Finlay McFadyen's Will

I Finlay McFadyen of the County
of Moore and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory but feeling
= death, the uncertainty of my earthly existence
do therefore make this my last Will and
Testament in manner and form following
that is to say first that my Executor hereafter
named shall provide for my body a suitable
and decent burial according to the wishes
and desire of my friends and pay all
funeral expenses together with all my
just debts hereunto and to whomsoever owing
out of the first moneys that may come and pay
as a part or parcel of my estate I
give and devise to my beloved Wife Effie One
hundred and twenty five acres of land on
Crains Creek to be laid off as she may desire
to have and to hold during the term of her
natural life, then to my beloved daughter
Sarah, Catherine, Martha, Ellen, Lydia, Sallie
Flora, Elizabeth, Effie and Anne, to have and
to hold to them and each of them severally
forever share and share alike. I give devise
to my beloved Son Archibald McFadyen
all the lands that I may have at the time
of my death except the one hundred and
twenty five acres already disposed of
wishes former item to have and to hold
to him and his heirs in fee simple forever
And lastly I do constitute and appoint
my beloved Son Arch. McFadyen my
lawful Executor to execute this my last Will
and Testament and every part thereof
according to the true intent and meaning
of the same, hereby revoking and declaring
utterly void all other Wills and Testaments
by me heretofore made
In Testimony whereof I the said