

I Martha Week of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. That is to say

Item 1st I do hereby direct my Executors hereinafter named to pay my Just debts and burial expenses of the first moneys that may come into his hands.

Item 2^d I give to Ellen Rose daughter of Malvina Rose my sewing Machine.

Item 3^d I give to Martha Lou Rose daughter of Malvina Rose, one bed and furniture.

Item 4th I give to Lou J. Harpwr daughter of Elisha Harpwr, one bed and furniture.

Item 5th I give to W. J. Stokes of the town of Battleground County of Nash and State of North Carolina all of my estate, real or personal (not known before given away), of which may die seized and possessed, or in any manner entitled to, to have and to hold said property, upon the following uses and some other, that is to say he shall have absolute control and management of the same. He may sell the real and personal property of which I die seized and possessed if in his judgement it shall be best for my estate, or he may hold any part thereof without sale. And in the event of a sale made by him of any of said property real or personal, said sale may be public or private for cash or on a credit as to him shall seem best. He may at once advance to either of my children, (viz. Malvina Rose or Elisha Harpwr, or to any of the children of the said Malvina and Elisha, and until my youngest grandchild attains the age of twenty one years.

such sum or sums as in his discretion will be best for them or any one of them, or as they shall desire as he may agree and abideth, I decline to make any advance whatever during said time to any one of my children or grandchildren. Provided that my said wife shall in no event advance more than one half of my said estate to either one of my said children or the issue of said child, and provided further that all sums if any, advanced by him shall be excepted for to him, and accounted for, and the final distribution of my estate as herein after provided for in the next item.

Item 6. After death of both of my children, and when the youngest living grand child shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, the said W. J. Stokes shall then divide all of my estate, real or personal, he shall then have in his hands between my said grandchildren pro Stokes, and if any grand child shall be dead leaving issue, said issue shall represent him or her ancestor, and in said division all advances made by the said Stokes whether made to a child or a grand child shall be charged as if made to the child and deducted from the one half of my estate going to the children of said child.

Lastly

I hereby nominate and appoint W. J. Stokes as Executor to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and declaring utterly null and void all other Wills heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 17th day of June.

A. D. 1853

Witness

J. H. Jones

Joseph Holcomb

Martha^W Week

State of North Carolina
(Nash County)

A paper purporting to be the last Will

and Testament of Martha Vick Deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County, by W. B. Stokes the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Martha Vick by the & other examination of W. H. Jones and Joseph H. Hogue the subscribing witnesses thereto: Who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha Vick and the said Martha Vick, in the presence of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 17th day of June 1882. And the Deponents further say, that the said Martha Vick the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament, and these deponents do thereupon subscribe their names at the end of the said Will as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and these deponents further say, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said Martha Vick 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 these deponents. And further these deponents say not severally sworn and subscribed to this day of December 1885 before me Joseph H. Hogue Clerk of Probate for said County.

Known all men by this presents, that I John A. Ricker of said County, State of North Carolina, being in full health and of sound & disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will & Testament. And as to my worldly estate and all the property, real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized, and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I desire, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit: First my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my executor herein after named be paid out of my estate, as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient. I give devise and bequeath to the Methodist-Episcopal Church South that same hundred dollars in money to erect a house for the worship of God at old Sharon Church, or some place not more than a mile therefrom and leave it to the members of Sharon Church where the place shall be. My will is that my executor shall have or cause to be erected at my tomb a marble slab not to exceed in cost seventy-five dollars to be paid out of my estate. I give and bequeath to my niece Fannie A. Ricker daughter of George Ricker so all of my personal property of every description I also give to her all of my finichable property of every description I also give and bequeath to her my entire real estate consisting of my home farm with all the appurtenances thereto, and my one half interest in the Heililandin farm known as the Dr. Droke place I also give and bequeath to her my slave house & lot & also my dwelling house & lot in the town of Nash Mills North Carolina I also give & bequeath to her one hundred fifty five and one half acres of land in Castalia Township adjoining the Land of Dr. Gray, Siler B. L. Arny and others to have and to hold the same to gather with all the profits and income thereof to her Fannie A. Ricker her heirs executors administrators and assigns to her and her heirs and benefit forever, and lastly I do nominate & appoint my nephew S. B. Ricker to be the