

I Elias L. Shepherd of the County of Stokes 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: That my executors, (herein after named) if I should die about some, 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, howsoever, and to whomsoever owing, out of the first money that may come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Katherine Shepherd One hundred Acres of Land Set out by Metes and bounds, the whole of the Tract whereon I now live with its appurtenances and all improvements, to have and to hold to her, the said Katherine Shepherd or to her heirs or assigns at her own will and option during the term of her natural life, and if any remains of it at her death it is to be equally divided among my children or sold and the money divided equally among my children. I also give to my wife Katherine One other tract of land containing near fifty three Acres more or less, the Lake Pike tract in the manner as the first named Tract.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Katherine Shepherd all my Stock of every description consisting of One bay horse, Stock of cattle hogs and sheep all my crop all of the provisions now on hand all house hold and kitchen furniture and every other article of property I possess and all the money I have on hand to have and to dispose of as she chooses during her natural life and if any remains of it at her death to be equally divided among my children.

My will and desire is that all the debts owing to me shall be paid and my wife shall have the money and dispose of it as before mentioned and if any remains of it at her death to be equally divided among my children.

And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty wife Katherine Shepherd my lawful executrix to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof hereby writing and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, in writing or otherwise. I the said Elias L. Shepherd do hereby set my hand and seal, this 8th day of November, A.D. 1862.

Elias L. Shepherd Exec'd
Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Elias L. Shepherd to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do sign our names as witnesses thereto.

James Hall
Thomas Ayers
Wm. Ayers

The execution of the last will and testament of Elias L. Shepherd (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of James Hall and Wm. Ayers two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Joel F. Hill c. c. c.

Stokes County North Carolina April the 1st in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Sixty two.

I now make my will, my last will and testament. I want my beloved wife Mary Hall to have all my property and all my debts, ~~as my last~~ interest in this life after my debt, or my last contract is paid of to be hers to do as she pleases with as long as she lives single if she marries again she shall equally have a child, part and my daughter Harriet to have the balance of my estate if she don't Mary after Mary dies Harriet is to have all my interest in this life this is, my last will and desire so I will set this seal and name at the bottom.

Witness
David Hall
Greenwell Hall.

Wilekin Hall Exec'd

June Term 1863

The execution of the last will and testament of Wilekin Hall, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of David Hall and Martha Hall, and ordered to be recorded.

Joel F. Hill c. c. c.