

I James Cunningham of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina.

Being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly return do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. First that my Executor, herein after 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 now due and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Martha P. Cunningham all of my Tract of Land including my mansion house, all out houses and other improvements, for her Care and Comfort to long as she may live, I further devise that I leave with her my negro woman Julia, Fanny Ellis, Jr, John and George Kelly, together with their increase to long as she may live. I further give and devise for her better Care and Comfort all of my Horses and Mules of any at my death and all of my Stock including my Hogs Cattle Sheep and such other Stock as may be in my possession at my death also all of my Farming Tools Wagon and Harness also (all) of my sown crop whether yearlings or ungrained, also all of my house property including Beds and Furniture all that I have, also all of my kitchen ware and cupboard ware.

I devise that at and after the death of my beloved wife Martha P. Cunningham that all of my Land and negroes and the other property that still remains after her death, and after providing for her Body a decent burial and pay her funeral expenses, together with all her just debts to whomsoever owing, shall be equally divided amongst my Children giving to my daughter Versailles Anne and the heirs of her body at her death one Childs part who sister married with John A. Gore, I give to my daughter Poley Jane and the heirs of her body at her death one Childs part, who sister married with Richard P. Allen. I give to my son John J. Cunningham, one Childs part provided that he live to return home from the Army to enjoy it if not I leave it to his Children. I give to my daughter Elvira Davies and the heirs of her body at her death one Childs part who sister married with Andy J. Freeman. I give to my son William W. Cunningham if living, one Childs part, and if he is not living or leaving no law heirs then this part to the other Children as herein directed. And lastly I do hereby constitute and Appoint my truly friend Stephen H. Dorr my lawful Executor 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 making and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me hitherto made. In witness whereof I the said James Cunningham do hereunto set my hand and seal this the (3) Third day of December A.D. 1863. Signed sealed published and declared by the said James Cunningham to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Jeremiah Hedges
Stephen H. Dorr
Samuel Gore

James Cunningham (Seal)

June Term 1864.

The Execution of the Last will and Testament of James Cunningham (of which the foregoing is a true Copy) proved in open Court by the Oaths of Jeremiah Hedges and Samuel Gore two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded -

John F. Hill C. C. C.

I John L. Glidewell of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life, and certainty of death, do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit: First: That after my death, my Executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts, together with my funeral expenses, if any. Secondly, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Glidewell and my Children, all of my property, money and effects, both real and personal, to be equally divided between them share and share alike; And it is my desire that my wife Elizabeth keep together and use said property the best she can, and raise my said Children, and as they become of age, she shall give to them their share respectively. And in order that an equitable division may be had, I desire that my Executor hereinafter named, shall by petition or any lawful way, ask the Court to appoint three or more disinterested persons to divide my property into as many equal parts as there may be numbers, including my wife and Children, and allot to my wife and each one of my Children an equal share. Thirdly. If my wife should marry or at the expiration of her widowhood, it is my will that a division of my property as above directed shall be made, and Guardians appointed by Court for my Children who will take care of their interests, and at the death of my wife the real estate above willed to her shall descend to my Children. And I appoint my wife Elizabeth Glidewell Executor to this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of September 1863.

John L. Glidewell (Seal)
Witness
W. B. Vaughan
John F. Hill

September Term 1864.

The Execution of the Last will and Testament of John L. Glidewell (of which the foregoing is a true Copy) was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of W. B. Vaughan & John F. Hill the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded & filed.

John F. Hill C. C. C.