

In the Name of God Amen.

I Michael Kiser Jr. of the County of Stokes and the State of North Carolina, Being of Sound Mind and Memory and Considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament: That is to say First after all my Lawful Debts are paid and discharged This residue of my Estate real and personal, I give bequeath and dispose of as follows, to wit, To my beloved wife, the lands and appurtenances situated thereon known and described as the home tract of land which she now lives on, also the fifth share in a eight hundred acre tract and also the fifth share in a ten acre tract with a mill thereon and the fifth share in the mill as well as the land, all of this land lying in the County of Stokes and the State of North Carolina, and I give to her all of my house hold and kitchen furniture consisting of everything. I also give her all of my stock consisting of one mare and if she should increase any for the remainder to belong to her two, all of the Cattle, hogs and every other thing which I now possess or may possess, there is thereon and a half an acre tract which I bought of Philip Kiser and I also give her that tract of land, and every thing I now possessed by me during the term of her natural life. and there is a tract of land on Town Fork containing thirty three and three quarters acres. That I also give my wife Elizabeth the term of her natural life, that is to say that it belongs to my wife after my decease, and after her decease to be divided equally among mine & her heirs except Elizabeth there her Brother and all share and share alike. Likewise I make constitute and appoint J. B. Vaughan and M. T. Benton to be executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two

Michael Kiser (Seal)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Michael Kiser Jr. in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us after the same was published and declared as above mentioned to be his last will and Testament and we at the instant request and in his presence respectively signed our names as witnesses thereto and written opposite our names our respective names of residence.

Henry Tucker Stokes County North Carolina
James Haysboro Stokes County North Carolina
John Westmoreland Stokes County North Carolina

September Term 1864.

The execution of the last will & Testament of Michael Kiser Jr. of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Henry Tucker & James Haysboro, two of the subscribing witnesses, and is ordered to be recorded & filed.

John F. Hill c.c.c.

I Matthew Simmons, of the County of Stokes, 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 first that my executor being hereunto 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 hereon and thereon owing out of the money that may first come into hands as a part or part of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife all of Estate of property and money to be disposed of for her use and benefit during her life time and at her death the remains of said property and money if any remain after her expenses, is all to be divided equally divided between my children.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife to appoint her own executor to all intent, 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 revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the Matthew Simmons do hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of December A.D. 1860.

Legally sealed, published and declared by the said Matthew Simmons 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.

J. W. Andrew
Peter Hutchinson

December Term 1864.

The execution of the last will & Testament of Matthew Simmons, (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of J. W. Andrew and Peter Hutchinson, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

John F. Hill c.c.c.