

991) I give and bequeath to my son Adam M. Mitchell one bed & furniture, one bureau, one cow & calf or fifteen dollars in cash and one saddle.

I give and bequeath to my son Eze M. Mitchell one bed & furniture, one bureau, one cow and calf & one saddle which he now has in possession.

I give and bequeath to my son Charles A. Mitchell one bed & furniture, one bureau, one saddle, one cow & calf or fifteen dollars in cash.

I give and bequeath to my son William W. Mitchell one bed & furniture, one bureau, one saddle, one cow and calf or fifteen dollars in cash.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary R. Mitchell one bed & furniture, one bureau, one cow & calf or fifteen dollars in cash.

My will and desire is that all of my property not disposed of in this will both real and personal be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of nine months and the proceeds be equally divided among my heirs.

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected, and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses & legacies, that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my said wife and all my children in equal proportions share ~~for~~ share alike to them and each and every of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

I give and devise to my son James H. Mitchell my crop cut saw.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend James H. Mitchell, Adam M. Mitchell & Eze M. Mitchell my lawful executor to all intents and purposing to execute this my last will and testament according to the 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 said Adam Mitchell do hereunto set my hand & seal this 4th day of April A.D. 1850. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Adam Mitchell to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request acting as witnesses do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto and Seal. W. A. Mitchell

Adam Mitchell (died)

June Term 1850

The execution of the last will & testament of Adam Mitchell deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open court by the oaths of W. A. Mitchell and Hamilton Seales, the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be recorded.

W. A. Mitchell

I William J. Ward 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 publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that to say.

First - that my executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out the moneys that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Catherine the tract of land whereon I now reside containing one hundred and fifty six acres more or less.

I give and devise to my youngest son Milton Ward thirty three dollars to be paid to him by my Executor.

I give and devise to my son Randolph Ward and my son Peter Ward and to my daughter Rebecca Richardson one dollar to each of them together with former advancements made at their marriage.

My will and desire is that my Executor shall collect the debts owing to me and sell so much of my personal estate which my beloved wife can best spare as will be sufficient to pay my just debts and expenses and the devise

heretofore made.

Item - I give and devise to my beloved wife Catharine all my personal estate of every description after taking out what will pay my just debts and expenses for and during her natural life, and after her death I give the said property both real & personal to my three daughters that now lives with me Elizabeth and Susan and Anne Ward to them and each of them in equal proportion share & share alike to them and each of them to them and their heirs forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Saml Fulton 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 revoking and declaring utterly void all other will and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said William J Ward hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of February 1853.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William J Ward 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.

Elisha J. Endeley
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William J. Ward (seal)
witness

June Term 1855.

The execution of the last will & Testament of W. J. Ward (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Elisha J. Endeley & Anderson both the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill, c. c.

In the name of God Amen I Tho. Joyce of the County of Stokes State of North Carolina being in perfect health and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto god, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith I have pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give to Esther my dearly beloved wife the whole of my real and personal estate to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood except such personal estate as I shall hereafter name or point out. Item the 2 - I give to my son Franklin fifty dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executors in twelve months after my decease.

Item the 3 - I give to my son Andrew fifty dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executors in twelve months after my decease, Andrew is also to be adorned when he becomes of age in equal proportion to my son Franklin which will shew by a bill of advowment of personal property given to my son Franklin heretofore. Item 4th after the death of my wife Esther my son Andrew is to have one half of my real and personal estate, the other half I will and bequeath to Joshua J Joyce son of Franklin and Martha Joyce and to (turn over) Elizabeth E Joyce daughter of my son Franklin and Martha Joyce both my grand children or if Franklin Joyce my son and Martha his wife should have more children while they live together that their children is to him equally one half of my estate, after the death of my wife or expiration of her widowhood. I make this provision for my son Franklin if he reforms or will abstain from drinking ardent spirits to accept and becomes a sober steady man for five years in succession and bids fair to take care of property in his hands, then my Executors may give him up the part I bequeath to his children, otherwise I wish them to secure it for