

Last Will and Testament of Abram J. Secrest

State of North Carolina }
 County of Union }

I, Abram J. Secrest of the County and State
 aforesaid being of sound mind and memory
 and being conscious of my approaching end
 and being desirous of making a suitable and
 proper disposition of the property now in my
 possession after my decease, do make and
 publish this to be my last Will and Testament
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Item 1st. I will and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Milly Secrest all of the personal property
 owned by me including House hold and
 kitchen furniture, stock, crop and provisions now
 on hand together with all debts and evidences
 of debt of any description whatever, and all
 other personal property of any other description
 owned by me to ~~be~~ used by, enjoyed and
 fully controlled by her the said Milly Secrest
 during her natural life, with full power to
 dispose of any article, or articles of any descrip-

owned by me to be used by, enjoyed and fully controlled by her the said Milly Secrest during her natural life, with full power to dispose of any article, or articles of any description whatever which may be on hand at the time of my decease.

Item 2^d. I will and bequeath to my beloved grandsons W. A. B. Secrest, M. F. Secrest, and Marcus Secrest son of L. M. Secrest fifty Dollars each to be paid to them after the death of my wife Milly Secrest, if there should be anything on hand after her death.

Item 3^d. I will and bequeath that after my death and after the death of my beloved wife Milly Secrest and after the termination of the Estate in the property hereby conveyed to her, that the balance of the property or the proceeds thereof (after paying the legacies mentioned in Item 2, of this my last Will and Testament) shall be equally distributed among my heirs at law and next of kin.

Item 4th. I hereby appoint my beloved son J. D. A. Secrest to execute this my last Will and Testament with power after the death of his

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 mother, to sell all of the property on hand after
 giving notice of said sale at public auction
 to the highest bidder for cash or upon any credit
 which he may think proper (not exceeding Twelve
 months) and out of the proceeds of said sale
 to pay all of my honest debts and after paying
 the legacies to my grand-children mentioned
 in Item 2nd to distribute the residue of the proceeds
 among my heirs at law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed my seal this the 17th March
 1877. Abram J. Secrest *Seal*

Witness: J. D. McCauley
 Amos Harris
 Miles S. Secrest.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will
 & Testament of Abram J. Secrest dec'd. was
 offered in open Court for probate by J. D. A.
 Secrest the Executor therein named, and the
 execution thereof duly proved by the oath
 of J. D. McCauley & Amos Harris, subscribing

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Geo. C. M. Larty, Probate Judge.