

Andrew J. Seerest last will & testament

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State of North Carolina Union County

July the 15th 1862

In the name of God. Amen. I Andrew J. Seerest of
of the State of North Carolina and County of Union
being of sound mind and memory and considering the
uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do there-
fore make, build, ordain, publish and declare this to be
my last will and testament that is to say

Seerest

After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged
the rest and residue of my estate real and personal I
give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit
to my beloved wife the tract of land on which I now live con-
taining 217 acres and all the appurtenances thereon
also one negro woman by the name of Lige and one
negro boy by the name of Scarborough and all my stock
of Hogs Sheep Cows and Horses also my buggy and
Wagons and all necessary farming tools House hold &
Kitchen furniture in fact every thing I have to be hers
provided she pays my lawful debts and if she fails to
pay my debts so much of the above property as will pay
them she must put to sale for that purpose. the land
and negroes to be hers so long as she remains married

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and negroes to be hers so long as she remains my
widow after she ceases to be my widow the land &
negroes to be sold or equally divided between all my
children to share & share alike without one cent's
difference, it is my desire that the land be divided be-
tween my children and not sold, and if the negroes
have to be sold to sell them together as my executor thinks
proper and after my wife's death all my personal pro-
perty to be sold & equally divided between all my children
so that each one will share and share alike

April the 6th 1863 I now will and ordain that my
beloved wife Martha shall have one third of my land the length
of her natural life and then to return to all my children as
in the foregoing Lastly I will & ordain that E W Secret
be appointed to carry out the above will

Adrian J Secret

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W. E. Seby Clerk

shall marry, that then my sons aforesaid shall give to them
 so marrying whatever in their discretion they may think
 proper. It is my will further that my son Benjamin
 Elean shall allow to my son Rachel & Elean sum the
 sum of Three thousand & twelve & 50/100 Dollars out of my
 estate to make him (Rachel & E) equal to the advancements
 heretofore made to my son Benjamin Elean in a tract
 of land which I gave him. And I do further will
 and devise that my property above given to Benjamin
 and Rachel shall be to them and their heirs of their
 body. But if one of them shall die without heirs
 of their body my will and desire is that the property by
 me devised above shall all go to the survivor and if
 both shall die without having an heir of their bodies
 that then the estate above devised and bequeathed to them shall
 go to my daughter Elyza Elean one part and the other half to
 my three grand children Elizabeth Jane Margaret Ann &
 Rosy the children of my daughter Rosy Knight my said
 grand children taking one part and my said daughter
 Elyza taking the other half.

Item 10th

I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Benjamin
 Elean and Rachel & Elean my lawful executors to all
 intents and purposes to execute this my last will and
 testament according to the true intent and meaning of
 the same.

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Item 10th I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Benjamin
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the same and every part and clause thereof
In witness whereof I the said Rachel & Chean have
do hereunto set my hand & seal, on this the 22^d day of Oct
AD 1858

Signed sealed published & declared by the
said Rachel & Chean sons to be his last will
& testament in the presence of us who at
his request & in his presence & in the presence
of each other do subscribe our names as
witnesses thereto

R. S. Chean (seal)

J. H. Hough
A. H. Walkeup

Clerk of North Carolina Court of pleas & quarter sessions
Union County July Term AD 1867
Then the foregoing paper writing was duly proven & admitted to
probate & ordered to be recorded as the last will & testament of
Rachel & Chean sons by the oath of A. H. Walkeup one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto &c
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J. E. Pryor

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