

Asa M. Helms' Last Will and Testament

North Carolina }
Union County. }

I, Asa M. Helms of said County and State, do make, declare and publish this as my last will and testament as follows.

I desire my body to be decently buried according to the wishes of my family; and that my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts to whomsoever owing.

Item 1st I devise to my beloved wife Catharine one house & lot in the town of Monroe, N.C. on the West side of Hayne Street, being the last lot I bought from C. N. Simpson & on which the tin roofed house is situate, to have, hold, use & enjoy during her natural life; and further I will and bequeath to her the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid to her in such sums as her necessities may require, and in case she should die before the whole of the two hundred dollars is used, the balance should go back & constitute a part of my estate; and at the death of my wife said house & lot to be & belong to my two sons jointly, C. H. Helms half to be held by Mack Helms in trust for C. H. Helms on same conditions & with like limitations as mentioned in Item 2nd of this my will.

Item 2^d I devise to my son Mack Helms in trust for the use & benefit of my son C. H. Helms during the life of said C. H. Helms one house & lot in the town of Monroe, N.C. on the West side of Hayne St. fronting 45 ft. on said St. & being the one immediately North of the lot I bought from C. N. Simpson.

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Item 3^d I devise to my son Mack Helms one house & lot in the town of Monroe, N.C. on West side of Hayne St. fronting 45 ft. on said St. &

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being the most northerly one of my three houses & lots in Monroe, N.C.
Item 4th I devise to my son Mack Helms in consideration & for the purpose of taking care of my daughter Francis during her life, my home tract of land, on Meadow branch adjoining the lands of Coleman Stewart, J. B. Bennett, Martha Jane Helms, J. H. Collins & others, containing 180 acres, more or less.

Item 5th I will that my executor sell all my personal property for cash or on credit as he may deem best, & collect all debts due me, which, together with any money on hand, after paying all my debts and legacy, and necessary expenses of administering my estate, shall be divided into three equal shares, one of which shall be & belong to my son Mack; one to my daughter Frances which shall be held by my son Mack in trust for her use during her life; and the other to my son C. H. Helms which shall be held by my son Mack in trust for C. H. Helms during his life, and at the death of C. H. Helms, whatever of said share shall remain, shall be paid over to the children of said C. H. Helms' share and share alike; and whatever of the two hundred dollar legacy mentioned in Item 1st and Frances' share of the personal estate, if any should remain at their death or the death of either, should be equally divided between Mack & C. H. Helms & held in the same manner & for the same purposes as mentioned in Item 5th

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son Mack Helms

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And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son Mack Helms and my friend C. N. Simpson my Executors to carry out the provisions of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking & declaring utterly void any & all other wills by me heretofore made.
Interlineations made before signing

Witness:

Asa M. Helms

J. F. Hill

M. L. Smith.

State of North Carolina,

Union County.

} ss. In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Asa M. Helms, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by C. N. Simpson the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Asa M. Helms, is proven before me by the oath and examination of J. F. Hill and M. L. Smith the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, each for himself, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Asa M. Helms; that the said Asa M. Helms in

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his presence subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing and which bears date of the - day of - that the said Asa M. Helms did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing to be his Last Will and Testament, and that he did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, that at the time the said testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time he subscribed his name as a witness thereto, the said Asa M. Helms was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of the deponent. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper-writing and every part and clause thereof is the Last Will and Testament of Asa M. Helms, deceased, and ordered that the same be recorded and that Letters Testamentary be issued to C N Simpson, the executor therein named, (Mack Helms, the other executor therein named having renounced in favor of C N Simpson), who thereupon takes the oath required by law and Letters Testamentary are issued to him. This 13th day of February, 1892.

F. H. Wolfe, C. S. C.

Testamentary are issued to him. This 13th day of
February, 1892. F. H. Wolfe, C.S.C.

Michael Helms' Last Will and Testament.

North Carolina, }
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In the name of God, Amen.

I, Michael Helms, of the County of Union and State of North Carolina,
being sound of mind, do make this, my last will and testament,
in manner and form following:

- I I give, devise and bequeath, unto my beloved wife, Jane E. Helms dur-
ing her natural life or widowhood all my lands that I now own
containing One Hundred and Seven acres.
- I I After the death or second marriage of my wife I give, devise and bequeath all
of my lands to my beloved son Sidney A. Helms in fee simple.
- I I I I will my mare to my son Sidney A. Helms, but his mother is to
have the use of said mare for farming purposes as long as she
lives or remains my widow.
- IV I will that all the balance of my personal estate be equally di-
vided between my wife and my daughter Lula J. Helms.
- V I do hereby nominate and appoint Ambrose Helms Executor of