

Davis Collins last will and testament

In the name of God Amen I Davis Collins of the County of Hume and State of North Carolina Calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind and disposing memory do make publish & declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made after my death

Item 1st I will and bequeath one third of all my lands to my wife Eliza Collins so long as she remains a widow though I will that she has no power to sell or convey in any way her interest to any person except it be one of my own bodily heirs as I am not willing for it to go into other mens hands and if she sells or offers for sale this one third of my land her part of this will is null and void
 Item 2^d My will and desire is that after my death my Executor here in named take this in hand and when ever he thinks property and most suitable and to the most advantage for the heirs sell a sufficient amount of my property to pay all of my last debts.

Item 3^d I will at the death of my wife Eliza Collins that forty acres of the tower be laid off to my son Hampton Collins my own bodily heir

Item 4th I will all the balance of my lands to my two sons namely George Collins and Ara Collins to be equally divided between them

Item 5th I will that at a time considered the most suitable by my executor that he sells all of my personal property and equally divide the proceeds

Item 3^d I will at the death of my wife Eliza Collins that ^{any} acres of the
tower be laid off to my son Hampton Collins my own bodily heirs

Item 4th I will all the balance of my lands to my two sons namely
George Collins and Ara Collins to be equally divided between them

Item 5th I will that at a time considered the most suitable by my executor
that he sells all of my personal property and equally divide the proceeds
between my six daughters giving my wife Eliza Collins an equal
share with them

Item 6th and lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend
William Collins executor to execute this my last will and testament
to the true intent and meaning of the same

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed
my seal this 3^d day of August A.D. 1864

D. H. Collins

Davis Collins

Jordan Faulkner

State of North Carolina J. Court of pleas & quarter sessions
Union County Januany Term 1865

This instrument of writing the last will and testament of Davis Collins
is exhibited in open Court by William Collins the executor therein named
and the execution thereof proven by D. H. Collins one of the subscri-
bing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

W. E. Arley Clerk
Vide the minutes Book 3 page 386