

Isaac H. Helms will & Testament

I Isaac H. Helms of the County of Union & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say.

That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends & pay all funeral expenses ~~together~~ together with my just debts howsoever & to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give & devise to my beloved ^{wife} Nancy the tract of land I now live on four hundred & eighty three acres, Hannah, Caroline, George & Paul & all the household & kitchen furniture & all the farming tools four cows & calves, two young cattle two or three years old Twenty head of Grasshogs, the ox waggon, three head of horses, one thousand weight of pork, one hundred & fifty bushels of corn, all the geese & poultry, ten bushels of wheat, one sack of salt, to have and to hold to her the said Nancy for & during the term of her widowhood, in satisfaction for & in lieu of her dower & in all my real estate.

I give & devise to my two eldest sons Coalmont & one

real estate

I give & devise to my two eldest sons Coleman D. and Isaac A. Helms the piece of land beginning on the beaver dam at the mouth of Hacks branch & running up the beaver dam to the waggon ford below the mill to the edge of the old field thence with the edge of the old field near South west to Sampson Posters line, Thence with Sampson Posters line to their own line containing fifty acres more or less to have & to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever. And my eldest son Coleman D. is to have Cloy a black girl, Isaac A. is to have a black girl named Margitt to have & to hold to them & their heirs in fee simple forever. I give & devise to my five daughters ten dollars a piece, viz, Lissy, Eliza, Nancy, Bitha, Brenda to be paid by my executor within two years from the time of my death out of my moneys belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of which sum together with the advancement they had from me at the time of their marriage will make them a fair & equitable portion according to the value my estate to be theirs and at their disposal absolutely forever.

I give & devise to my youngest sons & daughters viz Abner M. Arch. B. Green Caldwell, Clarinda Jane & Angeline E. Ellen C. and black women named Rebecca & Ann, Calup, Loid, Rachel, Julius, the and

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last named is to be hired out yearly until the six last
named heirs comes of age and my will and desire is that
all the Real & Personally Property left to Nancy my wife
during her widowhood revert to Alexander Marion & Archibald
Benton & Green Caldwell and Clarinda Jane Drusilla, and
Angeline Beatrix and Ellen Catharine at her death if she
never marries but if she marries said property is to revert to the
last six named heirs at the time of her marriage.

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after
taking out the debts & legacies abovementioned shall be sold
& the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any
surplus over & above the payment of debts expenses & legacies
that such surplus shall be equally divided between my minor
heirs viz Alexandria Marion and Archibald Benton and
Green Caldwell and Clarinda Jane Drusilla, and Angeline
Beatrix & Ellen Catharine to have & to hold to them & heirs forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty
friends Isaac Helms and Archibald Bentley my lawful ex-
ecutors this my last will & Testament according to the true
intent and meaning of the same and every part & clause
thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills.

thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Isaac H. Helms do hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day November A.D. 1845

Signed, Sealed, published & Declared
by the said Isaac H. Helms 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.

Elias Preslar (jurat)

James W. Foster (jurat)

Isaac H. Helms

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Union County } January Term 1847

This instrument of writing the last will and testament
of Isaac H. Helms deceased was produced in open court and
was admitted to probate in due form of law, whereupon
Archibald McElarty & Israel Helms the executors therein named
appeared in court and were duly sworn according to law.

Hugh Stewart C. C. C.