

Last Will and Testament of H. J. Helms

In the Name of God Amen.

I H. J. Helms of the County of Union and State of North Carolina being of feeble health but of sound Mind & memory. Calling to mind that it is appointed for all Men once to die and Considering my state of health have made and do establish this following my last will and Testament in Manner & form following
First I give my soul to God who created it allowing my body to be buried in a Christian like Manner suitable to the wishes of my friends & relations and the expenses paid out of the first money coming into the hands of my Executor or Administrator herein after appointed

Item the first. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Adaline who intermarried with John Swan fifty one half acres of land off of the One hundred fifty one and one half acres tract lying on the Rocky River Road to include that portion of said tract around the building just going up by her & her husband to her and her body heirs forever in fee simple

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 acre tract as above to be land of adjoining a
 piece she now has to her & her bodily heirs in
 fee simple forever.

Item the third. I give and bequeath unto my daughter
 Martha who intermarried with B. F. Mesbit
 fifty and one half acres the balance of the afore-
 said one hundred one & a half acre tract to her
 and her bodily heirs forever in fee simple

Item the fourth. I give and bequeath to me son Joseph One
 hundred & Twenty three acres of land the home
 tract to have & to hold in fee simple forever.

Also I give Joseph one bedstead & furniture Cow
 & Calf one sow & pigs as I give my other boys

Item the fifth. I give and bequeath unto my three other sons
 Lemuel Helms, W. F. Helms and Wm. C. Helms, all
 my other lands containing Two hundred and
 Twenty three acres or thereabouts to be Equally
 Divided between them but Lemuel Helms
 third is to be laid off to him so as to include his
 improvements & buildings and such buildings
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Item the Sixth It is my will and desire that all my other prop-
erty be sold and all my debts due me collected and
first to pay my just debts whomsoever owing
to and all the Balance be equally divided
amongst all my Children share & share
alike and each one to answer by a schedule of
all the advancements had in my life time
for the value at the time of receiving except that
Zemuel accounts for no rents as profits of the
land lived upon of mine.

Item the Seventh. I give & bequeath unto my son W^m C Helms, my
Jim Mule to be his own property.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal this the 10th day of Jan'y 1877

Witnesses
W. H. Simpson
Jas. L. Helms

W. J. Helms Seal

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 State of North Carolina
 Union County
 + writing was offered for Probate & the due execution thereof proved by the Oath of W. A. Simpson & James L. Helms and ordered to be recorded as the last Will and Testament of H. J. Helms.
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Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth S. Stewart
 State of North Carolina
 Union County
 I Elizabeth S. Stewart of said County and State being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:
 I Give and Bequeath to my son Reuben Frank Stewart and Daughter Mary A. Stewart all my beds and bed clothing to be divided equally between them one Bedstead each also all my wearing apparel

Item 1st