

John Crowell's last will and testament

I John Crowell of the County of Union and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First that my executor here in after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends & pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the first monies that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item 2^d I give and devise to my beloved wife my tract of land, all my Stock of every kind all my Farming Tools and Carpenter Tools Threshing machine and fixtures connected thereto, my wagon & Buggy in fact all my estate after paying debts and settling my estate during her natural life or as long as she remains my widow and at her death or marriage I will and devise unto my four Sons to wit, Elias, Israel, William S. and Gilbert S. my tract of land equally between them to sell or divide as to them may seem best

Item 3^d I will and devise at the death or marriage of my wife to my five Sons Elias, John W. Israel, William S. & Gilbert S. all my Stock of every kind All my mechanical and Farming tools, Wagon buggy and rifle gun my Threshing machine and fixtures

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belonging thereto together with my money or bonds that may
then be on hand to be equally divided between them.

Item 4th I will and devise unto my daughter viz Abigail, Eliza
Caroline Lucinda, and my grand daughter Sareella Holm,
all the property that is usually kept in the dwelling house such
as bedding, Tables, Cupboard, Churn and all furniture &c
to be equally divided between them at the death or marriage
of my beloved wife And at the same time I give and be-
queath to my son S. H. Crowell all the kitchen furniture that may
be on hand together with my loom and tacklings

Item 5th I give and devise to my grand children John M and
Ephraim M Crowell the sum of Five Dollars each to be paid
out of any money that may be on hand at the death or mar-
riage of my beloved wife

Item 6th My will and devise is that my son Gilbert S. and family
continue to live with my wife and daughter Lucinda
so long as they can make it agreeable so to do

Item 7th In order that there be no misunderstanding between
my children I here state the reasons that my sons John W.

and Adam Crowell and are excluded from a part in my lands is that I have made a deed of gift to my son John W. of a portion of land in the North Corner of my plantation bearing date July the 22nd 1864 And my son Adam received a horse from me which I consider made him equal to my other sons to which I have give my lands

Item 8th In case my beloved wife shall see proper to marry after my decease I will and devise to her one bed & clothing all the money she may have at such time to be hers in fee simple forever

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend W. F. Houston my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same & every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me here to fore made

In witness whereof I the said John Crowell do here unto set my hand and seal This July the 30th 1864

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Crowell to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence

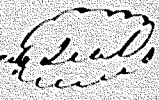
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W^m Hudson

John Crowell 

State of North Carolina Court of pleas quarter Sessions
Albemarle County N.C. April Term 1865

Admitted to probate in due form of law

Wids The Minutes

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