

Last Will and Testament of John F. Stewell

In the name of God Amen, The 18th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six

I John Franklin Stewell of the County of Union and State of North Carolina, gentleman, being through the blessing of God, in a sound state of mind and memory, but calling to mind the frail tenure of life, and that it is appointed to all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all; I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me; and the disposal of body I leave it to the entire discretion of my friends for decent burial.

With respect to my worldly estate, I give bequeath, and dispose of it, in the manner and proportions here following:

First to all my just debts, and I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Eleanor the sum of eighty dollars the amount of ^{money} she had when I

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I also give to my dear daughter Sarah Ann in addition to the fifty four acres of land that I have already deeded to her, Twenty five dollars to be deducted out of her husband S M Peirces notes.

Also I give to my dear grandson James Harry Hartley in addition to the sixty one acres of land that I have already deeded to him, Twenty five dollars and one cent to be given to him at the death of my wife or when she leaves the premises or at any time before ~~of my wife~~ she is fit to let it go.

Also to my dear grand son John Harry Stilwell I give and bequeath sixty one acres of land the remainder of the eighty four acres of ~~land~~ for the maintenance of my wife, with the dwelling house, barn and spring to be laid off on his part in the division and in addition to the sixty one acres of land, I give him twenty five dollars in money, and, if my grand son John Harry Stilwell should die without bodily heirs, then the land and money that I have given him to go to the nearest Stilwell heirs.

Signed, sealed, published,
pronounced and declared
by the said John P. Stilwell
as his last will and testament
in the presence of us the subscribers
at the request of the Testator

J. T. Ross

D. C. Robison

W^m Yandle

A paper writing of which the foregoing is a true copy purporting to be the last will and testament of John P. Stilwell deceased was offered in open Court for probate by John T. Ross the executor therein named, and the execution of the same was duly proven by oath and examination of D. C. Robison and W^m Yandle two subscribing witnesses to the same. It is therefore adjudged by the Superior Court now here, that the paper writing and every part and clause therein contains the last will and of John P. Stilwell deceased, and it is ordered that the same be enrolled and recorded, and J. T. Ross the executor therein mentioned duly qualified as such by taking the oaths prescribed by law, and letters testamentary issued.

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This 15 September 1886

Geo C McGarity Esq.