

Josiah Craige last will & testament

I Josiah Craige 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 publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item 1st That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my last debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate I give and bequeath unto my sister in law Sarah E. Howie and my brother in law George R. Winchester all that part of my property that I now have that I got with or by my wife to be equally divided between them to be separated from my other property by Elyzer Winchester and Sarah E. Howie

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my sister Rachael Holms and Leander Craige all the balance of my house hold furniture & bedding to be equally divided between them the aforesaid bequest to include my saddle & bridle & trunk. To be divided between them by my father and executor

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my father all my farming tools

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my niece Martha J. Alexander one Hundred Dollars to be paid over to her when she arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries together with the interest on the same and I do hereby appoint and constitute my father W. B. Craige her Guardian until she arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries

Item 5th I give and bequeath to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Wesley Chapel

Item 6th

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my niece Martha G. Alexander one Hundred Dollars to be paid over to her when she arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries together with the interest on the same and I do hereby appoint and constitute my Father B. B. Craige her Guardian until she arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries

Item 6th I give and bequeath to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Wesley Chapel Fifty Dollars to remain in the hands of my executor to be paid out by him as he in his judgment may think will be most beneficial to the Society and Church and that my executor have the interest on the aforesaid bequest for his trouble in the management of the same

Item 7th My will and desire is that my plantation be sold to the highest bidder on such terms as my executor may deem most beneficial to my estate and that the proceeds of said sale together with my moneys on hands or debts due me (which debts I desire my executor to collect) and after taking out the aforesaid bequest be divided into two shares, one share to be paid to Rachael Helms the other share paid to B. B. Craige who I do appoint & constitute trustee for my brother Leander Craige and that the said trustee do pay over to the said Leander Craige the interest on the above annually, or in case of great need any portion of the principal as he in his judgment and discretion may think best and in case the aforesaid trustee shall not accept the aforesaid trust my will and desire is that he appoint in his stead such person as he may think most desirable for the same.

And lastly I do appoint and constitute my trusty friend B. G. Houston my executor and in case he shall fail from any cause

to take on himself the aforesaid executorship in that case I appoint and constitute my friend William Hudson to execute this my last will and testament according to the letter of the same hereby revoking all other wills heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this April the 18th day AD 1863

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us

Josiah Craig Seal

Hugh R. Craig
Wm Hudson

State of North Carolina County of Union Court of Pleas & quarters Sepimus July Term 1863
Then the foregoing was duly admitted to probate as the last will and testament of Josiah Craig dec^d and B. G. Houston one of the Executors therein named was duly qualified
vide the minutes page 304 J. E. May 863

John B. Clark last will and testament

I John B. Clark having enlisted and will this day depart from home destined for the seat of war which now exists between the Federal & Confederate States of America, and in consideration of the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death do by these presents give & bequeath to my beloved mother Sarah M. May my stock of hogs consisting of nine