

Samson Welus - Last Will & Testament.

State of North Carolina }
 Union County }

I, Samson Welus, of the County of Union & the State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory, but knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say:-

Item 1st. I will & desire that my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives & friends & that they shall pay all funeral expenses together with all my debts (though I believe there are none) howsoever & to whomsoever due out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part & parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd. I will & devise to my beloved wife Lucinda Welus during her natural life or widowhood all my real estate & lands the same to be held & enjoyed by her for her own use & benefit during her natural life or

Meluz during her natural life or widowhood all my real estate & lands the same to be held & enjoyed by her for her own use & benefit during her natural life or widowhood. I will & devise that said lands after the death or second marriage of my said wife shall be owned & enjoyed in fee simple by my sons Samuel Meluz & Ullias A. Meluz according to conveyances of said land executed to them this day by me & my said wife, which conveyances I hereby confirm & ratify & on account of which conveyances I do not will to them or either of them any of my property except what is conveyed to them this day in their respective conveyances aforesaid.

Item 3^d

I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Luccinda Meluz all my personal property of every description whatever during her natural life or widowhood

Item 4th

I give & bequeath, after the death or second marriage of my beloved wife

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Luccinda Helms, to my beloved daughter, T. C. Helms, Mr. L. Helms & J. J. Helms all the personal property willed in Item 3^d of this my last Will & Testament, the said property to be equally divided or as nearly equal as my executors can make it by my executors without a sale into three equal shares one share thereof to be assigned & divided by said executors to each of my said daughters in severalty.

If my said executors can not agree upon & make said division without a sale, then it is my will & desire that they sell all of said personal property - for cash or on a credit as they think best - & divide the proceeds of said sale equally between my said three daughters.

Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint as my executors my two dutiful sons Samuel Helms & Milas A. Helms to execute this my last Will & Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same. I the said Samson Helms hereby revoking & declaring null

daughters.

Lastly

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my two dutiful sons Samuel Helms &
Milas A. Helms to execute this my last Will
& Testament according to the true intent &
meaning of the same. I the said Samson
Helms hereby revoking & declaring null
& void all wills & testaments heretofore
made by me & declaring this to be my
Last Will & Testament as herein before
specified. In witness whereof I have
herewith set my hand & seal on this
23^d day of March 1883.

Samson ^{his} Helms ^{mark} 

Signed, sealed, declared & published
by the said Samson Helms to be his
last Will & Testament, in the pres-
ence of us, who at his request &
in his presence do subscribe our
names as witnesses thereto.

H. B. Houston

A. M. Crowell