

I Miles Sitterson of the County of Washington 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.

I give and devise unto my wife Elizabeth Sitterson for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my two sons James H. and Thos. J. to be equally divided between them all of that parcel of land lying on the South side of the Mill Road as it now runs, to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and devise to my five sons John Theodore, Crawford, Thos. Lewis, Miles, Joseph, Sinter, and William Justin, all of my farm wherein I now live on the North side of the mill Road as it now runs, including the dwelling and all other improvements thereon to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever to be equally divided between them but on this condition that each son share shall be and remain in the possession of my beloved wife, Elizabeth and that she shall receive the rents and benefits of the same until they shall become twenty one years old respectively. That is John Theodore my son shall have his share when he shall have become twenty one years old, and until then it shall remain in the possession of my wife Elizabeth, and she shall receive the benefits of the same, and likewise with the shares until each shall have become twenty one.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Elizabeth the sum of Four hundred dollars, \$400, to be by execution out of any money, belonging to, my estate, not otherwise disposed to her and her personal representatives forever.

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any, after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned, shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there

should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies, that such surplus shall be paid over to my said wife Elizabeth to her and her assigns forever.

Thus

And whereas my daughter Nancy Elizabeth is a minor of the age of about seven years and my five sons are all minors, now therefore, my will and desire is that my wife Elizabeth is hereby appointed and constituted Guardian of these my said children to have and to hold the custody and Guardianship of both of them respective persons and estates, until they the said children shall severally arrive at the free age of twenty one years. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend James F. Sitterson 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 and every part and clause thereof, by his brother and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I Miles Sitterson do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 15th day of September A. D. 1874.

Signed sealed published & declared Miles Sitterson (Seal) by the said Miles Sitterson to be his will and testament in the presence of him who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto, M. H. Sitterson, W. E. Sitterson, E. E. Sitterson

Code to the foregoing will.

Whereas I Miles Sitterson have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date on the 15th day of September 1874 I now hereby constitute and appoint my son James H. Sitterson to be my Guardian to my minor children J. F. Sitterson, Joseph Sitterson, & William Justin Sitterson, who is authorized to take charge and control said children and their estate so he may think best for their interest and welfare this 15th day of Nov 1882

Signed in the presence of J. W. Sitterson, H. Sitterson, E. Sitterson

Miles Sitterson (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Washington County, In the Probate Court
 a paper purporting to be the last will and
 testament of Miles Sitchens deceased, is exhibited
 before me the undersigned judge of Probate for said
 County, by James F. Sumner the executor therein
 mentioned and the due execution thereof by the
 said Miles Sitchens by the oath and examination
 of W. D. Carstophen, E. R. Latham, Jos. W. Latham,
 and Chas. Latham, the subscribing witnesses thereto
 who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and
 each for him self depose and sayeth that - he is
 a subscribing witness to the paper writing now
 shown him, purporting to be the last will and
 testament of Miles Sitchens that the said
 Miles Sitchens in the presence of this deponent
 subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing
 which is now shown as aforesaid and which
 bears date of the 11th day of Sept 1874.

And the deponent further saith, that the said
 Miles Sitchens, the testator aforesaid did at the time
 of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the
 said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibit
 to be his last will and testament. And this deponent
 did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of
 said will as an attesting witness thereto and at
 the request and in the presence of the said testator
 and this deponent further saith that at the same
 time when the said testator subscribed his name
 to the said last will aforesaid and at the time
 of the deponent's subscribing his name as an
 attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said
 Miles Sitchens was of sound mind and memory
 of full age to execute a will and was not
 under any restraint to the knowledge, information
 or belief of this deponent. And further these
 deponents say not

Severally sworn and
 subscribed this 7th day
 of February 1883 before me
 J. C. Austin
 Probate judge

W. D. Carstophen
 E. R. Latham
 Jos. W. Latham
 Chas. Latham

I as a St. Harrison of the County of
 Washington and State of North Carolina
 being of sound mind and memory and
 considering the uncertainty of my earthly
 existence do make and declare this my last
 will and testament in manner and form
 as following that is to say: I give to
 my wife Julia A. Harrison all of my land
 to the west of the East end of Cotton patch
 with privilege to cut fire wood and
 rail timber for her use on any part of
 my land during her widowhood or
 until if the said Julia A. Harrison my wife
 should have a child during the year
 83 and said child should live to be
 twenty one years old then said land
 that I possess shall to my child if his
 mother remains or not. If the said
 child should die before it is twenty one
 years old all said land shall go to Mary
 D. Sawyer's children except the said
 Julia A. Harrison remains a widow then
 the above named tract to the East end
 of the Cotton patch remains hers. I give
 to my beloved wife all of my estate property
 we both for her child if any if not to
 her but then Bids what I mean in the
 House and Kitchen and nothing else
 I give to my wife Julia A. Harrison two hundred dollars
 which I have already paid to her I give to my wife Julia A. Harrison two hundred
 lbs Bacon ten Bbls of Corn. One red and
 Cow and calf all of the Poultry and
 favor of the best Eggs. I give to
 Mary D. Sawyer three children - ally Sawyer
 Anne D. Sawyer or Son W. Sawyer one
 Bed apiece. I give the residue Corn and
 Pork Carts, boxes, fodder and all farming
 Tools to remain as now to carry on the
 crop And at the end of the year all
 that left of old corn and new feed (some
 crops) Carts and everything and all the
 money put on interest for the benefit of
 Julia A. Harrison child if living if not