

Benjamin Sparks Will

North Carolina - Yadkin County

I, Benjamin Sparks, Senior, of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make & declare this my last will & testament:

First - My executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all my just debts, out of the first money which may come into his hands, belonging to my estate.

Second - I give and devise to my wife, M. J. Sparks and her heirs in fee simple, the following tracts of land to wit: A tract of land situated in New Castle township, Wilkes County, N.C., known as the Mill tract, adjoining the lands of A. L. Hudrix, J. C. Greenwood and others, containing 579 (Five hundred and seventy nine) acres more or less. Also a tract of land situated in Kuch's township - Yadkin County, N.C., adjoining the lands of R. M. Swain, George Brown and others, containing 417 (Four hundred and seventeen) acres more or less, being known as the Home place on which I now reside. Also a one half acre lot of land, situated in Jonesville, N.C., adjoining the lands of Mrs. C. A. Benham and others. Also a tract of land in New Castle township, Wilkes County, adjoining lands of Thomas Johnson and the widow Godfrey and others, containing two acres more or less.

Third - I give and bequeath to my wife, M. J. Sparks all of my personal property of whatever kind and nature including moneys, stock and all other personal property.

Fourth - I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend, Thomas Armstrong 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, hereby revoking and declaring null and void all other wills

and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said Benjamin Sparks Senior, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of November 1899.

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Benj. Sparks 

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Benjamin Sparks, Senior to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness S. T. Swain
L. A. Swain

Probate

State of North Carolina,
Yadkin County }

In the Superior Court
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Sparks, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by T. M. Armstrong, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Benjamin Sparks by the oath and examination of S. T. Swain & L. A. Swain, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Sparks, that the said Benjamin Sparks 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 12th day of November, 1899.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Benjamin Sparks the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him, and exhibited 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 said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Benjamin Sparks was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint, to the above charge, information or belief of this deponent; And further these deponents say not

S. T. Swain
C. A. Swain

Severally sworn and
subscribed this 2 day of
June 1900, before me, as
to S. T. Swain, and sworn
to before me July 16, 1900
as to C. A. Swain.

W. A. Hall
Clerk Superior Court

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Yadkin County } In the Superior Court

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of Benjamin Sparks, deceased. Let the said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed. This 16 day of July, 1900

W. A. Hall
Clerk Superior Court

David W. Norman's Will

I, David W. Norman of the County of Yadkin 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 shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all expenses that occur together with my just debts to whomsoever owing.

Secondly - I give to Cousina Davis, widow of James Davis dead, the ten acre lot of land on which she now lives, together with the privilege of getting her fire wood & using water from the spring of my adjoining lands with the right of way to the same, during her natural life time, after which I give it to my Nephew S. E. Norman, who is now taking care of me in my affliction.

Thirdly - I do give and bequeath to my Nephew S. E. Norman all of my real estate, the following described tracts of land. Lot No. 1, being the remainder of the 39 acre tract known as the Phisa Mackie lands & lying west of the 25 acres deeded to S. E. Norman. For further description see the deed from Phisa Mackie & children. Lot No. 2, known as the Perry Strickland lot. For further description see deed from said Strickland, containing two acres.

Lot No. 3 - Known as the John McCollum tract, containing three acres, situated on the west side of said McCollum's tract. For further description see deed from said John McCollum to David W. Norman. Lot No. 4 known as the Jot Carter lot, containing two acres, adjoining the lands of David W. Norman, Jiles Carter lying in an oblong square 140 yards by 70 yds. for further description see deed from Jot Carter to David W. Norman.

Lot No. 5, known as the A. R. Poindexter tract, containing eight acres more or less, adjoining the land of John McCollum & others & situated on the road leading by Union Grove to East Bend for further description see deed from A. R. Poindexter to David W. Norman.

And lastly I, David W. Norman, do hereby declare