

H. N. Doub's Will

In the name of God Amen.

I, H. N. Doub, of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

First

I order and direct my executors hereinafter named, as soon after my decease as practicable, to take possession of my estate, both real and personal, and convert enough of my personal estate into money with as little delay as possible, to pay off and discharge all the debts, dues, and liabilities, that may be existing against me at the time of my decease. Also to pay off any bequests that I may hereinafter make. And also to appropriate a sufficient amount of money to the purchase and erection of a suitable monument to mark the place of my burial; the selection and price to be left to the choice of my executors. Should the money arising from the sale of my personal property be insufficient to satisfy all my debts, dues, liabilities and bequests that I may make, then I direct my executors to sell enough of my real estate to pay off same.

Second

I will and bequeath to Nancy E. Smitherman, so long as she remains unmarried, a portion of the David Smitherman tract of land and all rights, privileges and profits of same, to wit, that portion of said Smitherman Land, lying on the East side of Logan Creek and known as the David Smitherman homestead.

Also I will in the above manner to the said Nancy E. Smitherman, the John T. Smitherman house and lot adjoining the above described tract.

In case of her marriage, or death, I will and direct that the above described tracts, pieces or parcels of land be equally divided, share and share alike, between my brothers and sister, their heirs and assigns forever. I further will and direct my executors to place five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in cash, in trust and the interest of same to be collected semi-annually and paid to Nancy E. Smitherman, when ascertained by my executors to be necessary. At the marriage, or death of Nancy E. Smitherman, I will and direct that the five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in cash, in trust, be

equally divided, share and share alike between my brothers and sister, to wit, John N. Doub, W. L. Doub, A. J. Doub, S. L. Doub, A. C. Doub, L. E. Doub and Julia N. Speas.

Third

I will and direct my executors to pay off J. H. Heads acct. at Rainbow and Doub's store, and cancel his acct. at my mill, with his fodder, oats &c for which I am due him. I also will and direct my executors to pay the said J. H. Head Fifty dollars (\$50.00) in cash extra for his faithful duty on the farm and for his services in feeding and taking care of my stock.

Fourth

I will and bequeath to my dear father and mother, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be equally divided between them, share and share alike.

Fifth

I will give and bequeath, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) in cash or its equivalent in personal, or real estate, to be equally divided, share and share alike, between my three brothers, A. J. Doub, A. C. Doub and L. E. Doub. This is to reward them for their faithful work at home, and on the farm, and for taking care of our father and mother during their old age.

Sixth

I will give and bequeath the rest, residue and remainder of my real estate, wheresoever situated, and the final remainder of personal estate, of whatever name and nature it may consist to wit, merchandise, mill property, farming machinery, farming utensils, and all other things unmentioned to be equally divided, share and share alike, between all my brothers and sister, to wit, John N. Doub, W. L. Doub, A. J. Doub, S. L. Doub, A. C. Doub, L. E. Doub and Julia N. Speas, and their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint John N. Doub and S. L. Doub Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 2nd day of January, 1902.

H. N. Doub. (seal)

The above instrument was at the date thereof signed, sealed, published and declared by the said H. N. Doub, as and for his last will and testament, in presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence and

in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Witnesses:

J. L. Long.
W. F. Cornelius.
H. N. Doub.

Probate.

State of North Carolina }
Gaston County } In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of H. N. Doub deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by J. W. Doub, one of the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said H. N. Doub, by the oath and examination of J. L. Long and W. F. Cornelius, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of H. N. Doub, that the said H. N. Doub in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 3rd day of Jan'y, 1902.

And the deponent further saith, that the said H. N. Doub, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing as 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 same 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 H. N. Doub 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 25 day
of Jan'y, 1902, before me, Marshall Clerk Sup. Court }

J. L. Long.
W. F. Cornelius.

North Carolina }
Gaston 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 H. N. Doub deceased. Let the said will, together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 25 day of Jan'y, 1902.

M. J. Hall,
Clerk Superior Court.