

North Carolina.

Gaston County.

I, Israel R. Stroup, of the county and state aforesaid, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but mindful of death, do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament:

First. It is my will and wish that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial according to the wishes of my family and shall erect a suitable monument at my grave, and shall pay the expenses thereof together with all my just debts out of the first moneys coming into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second. I give and devise to my beloved wife, E. S. Stroup, all my Home Place containing about four hundred and seventy seven (477) acres including the sixty four (64) acres which I bought of Jonas Cloninger and wife and the twenty nine (29) acres bought of the John Hoover estate to have and to hold said lands and premises to her during the term of her life. I also bequeath to my said wife all my household and kitchen furniture to use as long as she shall live.

Third. I devise and bequeath to my son, Quincy Y. Stroup, the lands which I have heretofore conveyed to him by deeds, containing about one hundred and fifty six (156) acres and which for the purpose of this will is valued at twelve hundred (\$1200.00) dollars, to have and to hold said lands to him and his heirs forever.

Fourth. I give and devise to my daughter, Della I. Nance, wife of John X. Nance, the tract of land whereon they now live valued at nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars for the purposes of this will and which I have heretofore conveyed by deed to them, containing about seventy one (71) acres. I also give and bequeath to my said daughter the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars in money.

Fifth. I give and devise to my daughter, Orra L. Stroup, wife of John W. Stroup, the tract of land on which they now live and which I have heretofore conveyed to them by deed, and which is for the purposes of this will valued at seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars and which contains about seventy one (71) acres.

I also give and bequeath to my said daughter, Orra L. Stroup, the sum of



five hundred (\$500.00) dollars in money.

Sixth. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Ola E. Carpenter, wife of J. Lee Carpenter, the sum of seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars in money together with the five hundred (\$500.00) dollars heretofore given to her in person.

Seventh. I give and devise to my daughter, Orra L. Stroup, one hundred and thirteen (113) acres of my Home Place of 477 acres after the death of my wife, which 113 acres is to be cut off of the South side of said Home Place by so running a line in an easterly direction from a point on the J. B. Lutz line parallel to the line between me and Mrs. Alice Hoover and to a point on the M. J. Mauney line.

Eighth. I give and devise to my son, Quincy Y. Stroup, one hundred and thirty eight (138) acres of my Home Place of 477 acres, including the dwelling house and outhouses, which 138 acres shall come out of said Home Place next above or North of the 113 acres devised to Orra L. Stroup, and shall be located by running a line in an easterly direction across said Home Place parallel to the northern boundary line of said Orra L. Stroups 113 acres, to be his after my wife's death.

Ninth. I give and devise to my daughter, Della I. Nance, one hundred and thirteen (113) acres of my said Home Place of 477 acres, which 113 acres shall include the lower half (in area) of the 64 acres of land purchased by me of Jonas Cloninger and wife, and the balance of said 113 acres shall be located by running a line from the West side of my other land adjacent thereto to the East side of said Home Place, said line to be parallel to the line ~~mark~~ between me and Alice Hoover and the other lines hereinbefore directed to be run across my said Home Place, to be hers after my wife's death.

Tenth. I give and devise to my daughter, Ola E. Carpenter, one hundred and thirteen (113) acres of my said Home Place of 477 acres, which 113 acres shall include the Northern half (in area) of the land purchased by me of Jonas Cloninger and wife, and the balance thereof to come off of the land next North of the portion next hereinbefore devised to my daughter, Della I. Stroup, to be hers after my wife's death.



Eleventh. It is my will and desire that all the rest and residue of my property of every sort and description, whether real, personal or mixed shall be sold by my executor and the moneys arising therefrom equally divided among my children hereinbefore named, share and share alike, and it is my will and desire that if any of my said children shall die before I do, leaving children that such children shall take the property devised and bequeathed to the parent.

Twelfth. I hereby nominate and appoint my son, Quincy Y. Stroup, executor of this my last will and testament, and I hereby declare any and all other wills by me made utterly null and void.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 15th day of July 1904.

Israel R. Stroup (seal)

Signed, sealed, declared and published to be his last will and testament by Israel R. Stroup, the testator, in our presence, and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other sign the same as witnesses.

Witness:

J. R. Lewis

Witness:

Ross Lewis

Witness:

O. J. Mason