

Will of Isaac Stanley – 1841

I Isaac Stanley of the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina am weak of body, but of a sound mint and *ing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner and form following**

First of all is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid out of my estate, in due time.

Secondly, my will is that my beloved wife Elizabeth Stanley shall hold all my landed properly during her natural life or her widowhood to have and to hold the same for her support and likewise my desire is that if my two daughters should not marry that they may abide with their mother for a home whilst they remain single.

Thirdly, whereas I have advanced to my two sons and daughter namely Henry Stanley, Anna Booth and Charles Stanley and further I give and bequeath one dollar more apiece to each of them out of my estate.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my two daughters namely Elizabeth Stanley & Esther Stanley one feather bed and furniture. To each of them likewise to each of them a spinning wheel and cards, and out of my stock one cow a piece, them to have and to hold the above items out of my estate.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my three sons named Uriah Stanley, John Stanley, and Cotitie the sum of ten dollars a piece to each of them out of my estate, John and Cotitie to receive their portion as they come to the age of twenty one years old.

Sixthly, after the above items are settled out of my estate all the remainder part of my personal estate whatsoever it may be, the same I give and bequeath unto my wife to have and to hold and be at her disposal.

Seventhly and lastly my will is that after the above encumbrance that I have fixed on my landed property shall expire then as soon as may be convenient, the whole of it be sold to the highest bidder who will make and the proceeds of the sale to be equally divided amongst all my children part by part for their use forever.

I the said Isaac Stanley do hereby constitute nominate and appoint my true and trusty friend John Stanley and my son Charles Stanley the executors of this my last will and testament utterly revoking all other wills or testaments heretofore made by me whatsoever, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the first day of seventh month in the year of our Lord 1841

**Signed Sealed and Pronounced
In the presents of**

Isaac Stanley (his mark – seal)

**Asa Stanley (jurt)
Uriah Stanley (jurt)
Abel Knightford**

**Now I further add that my will is that
my two daughters namely Elizabeth and
Esther Stanley have a maintenance so
long as they live as single women in
my dwelling house**

Test Ithamar Hunt

Isaac Stanley (his mark – seal)

**North Carolina
Guilford County**

**Court of pleas & quarter sessions
August Term 1861**

**The execution of the foregoing will by Isaac Stanley, deceased, is proven in
open court by the affirmation & examination of Aser Stanley & Uriah Stanley, two of
the subscribing witnesses therein. Ordered to be recovered & filed**

**Whereupon, Charles Stanley, one of Executors named in said will is duly
qualified as such**

Lyndon Swaim, CCC