

THIS IS THE LAW

By Robert E. Lee
(For the N. C. Bar Association)
Inheritance Laws

A person who dies without a will is said to die "intestate." The State has to step in with its "intestate laws" and make a distribution of his property.

If a person doesn't like the intestate laws, he can make a will and dispose of his property in any way he wishes.

The paragraphs below are summarizations of some of the more important provisions of the Intestate Succession Act of North Carolina.

1. If a husband or wife is survived by a spouse and only one child, the real and personal property is divided equally between the surviving spouse and the child. (If the child is dead leaving issue, then the issue takes his share.)

2. If a husband or wife is survived by a spouse and two or more children, the surviving spouse takes one-third of the real and personal property and the children, or their lineal descendants, take the other two-thirds of the real and personal property.

3. If a husband or wife is survived by a spouse and is survived by neither children nor issue of children but leaves parents and brothers and sisters, the surviving spouse takes one-half of the real property and the first \$10,000 in value of the personal property plus one-half of the remainder in personal property; the parents take one-half of the real property. The brothers and sisters do not take anything.

4. If a husband or wife is survived by a spouse and is survived by neither children nor issue of children, nor a parent, but leaves brothers and sisters, the surviving spouse takes all of the real and personal property.

5. If a person is not survived by a spouse but is survived by lineal descendants (children or lineal descendants of deceased children), all of his real and personal property will go to his lineal descendants.

6. If a person is not survived by a spouse or lineal descendants but is survived by both parents, they take in equal shares his entire estate, or if either parent is dead, the surviving parent takes the entire estate.

7. If a person is not survived by a spouse, lineal descendants, or by a parent, his entire estate will go to his brothers and sisters and the lineal descendants of any deceased brothers and sisters if there be any.

8. If a person is survived by no spouse, lineal descendants, parents, brothers and sisters, or lineal descendants of deceased brothers and sisters, then one-half of the estate goes to paternal aunts and uncles or to lineal descendants of such aunts and uncles. The second half of the estate goes to the maternal side of the family in the same manner. If there are representatives of only one side of the family surviving, then they take all.

9. If no person can be found entitled to inherit under the Intestate Succession Act, then all of the decedent's property will escheat to the University of North Carolina.

Pvt. Melvin Jones Gets GI Training



Pvt. Melvin S. Jones, whose wife, Mildred, lives on Route 2, Dover, completed the lineman's course at the Army Signal Training Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., June 1.

During the eight-week course Jones was trained to install and maintain aerial communication wires and cables. He entered the army last January and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. The 23-year-old soldier is a 1955

The Veterans Corner

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q — Are World War II veterans still eligible for GI loans?

A — Yes, for ten years after discharge from active wartime service plus one year additional for each 90 days of that service. However, in no case may a World War II veteran's eligibility expire before July 25, 1962, nor continue after July 25, 1967.

Q — A friend has recently been discharged from a VA hospital because of "MHB". What do those letters mean?

A — They mean "maximum hospital benefit." In other words, in the opinion of hospital officials, additional time in the hospital would bring about no further improvement in the patient's condition.

Q — Where can lists or rosters

of the old Civil War regiments be found today in the event that one wished to look up the record of a relative?

A — Most of the Civil War records have been turned over to the National Archives of the United States, Washington 25, D. C. You might write to them for information of this type.

graduate of Fort Barnwell High School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simm Jones, live on Route 1.

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