

In the name of God Amen

I Samuel Phares of the State of North Carolina and County of Bladen being of sound and perfect Mind, and memory, blessed be God, do this the first day of April in the Year of Our Lord 1837 make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following: That is to say:

I give my soul unto God, after my death for all my just debts to be paid.

I give to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Phares one Cow and calf and one two year old Steer and two year old Hogs, and one Feather Bed and Furniture, and after that it is my Will and desire that all my parishable estate should be sold and the Charges, and expenses, paid and that the money, equally divided amongst my lawful heirs.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend John Hair, Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Samuel Phares have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand, and seal the day and year above written.

Samuel Phares
his mark

Signed sealed, Published and declared by the said Samuel Phares, the Testator as his last Will and Testament.

In the presence of us who were present at the time of Signing and sealing thereof,

William Hails
his mark

Duncan Pedsole
his mark

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

Known all men by these presents that I David Benson of the County and State aforesaid has given and given to my son, Charon Benson a certain piece of parcel of land, claimed Robert land, from the beginning of the Board tree ridge, with all buildings, improvements, Minerals, woods and states, crops, to have and to hold forever and be it known by these presents that I the said David Benson, am in my sober and right senses, and that my intellect is sound, and good, therefore I wish my son Charon to hold the above named possession forever clear of all encumbrances, or claims and mortgages. I give to my son, Charon the Young Robin Store, to have and to hold as his own right and property, forever from me his father David Benson, I also give to my son Charon Benson five Cows and three yearlings, which has been allotted from my mark to his loved relations and there I give with all their increase to have and to hold forever as his right and property.

I also give to my son Archibald Benson, the back part of both pieces of land from the Board tree ridge to the head lines with all appurtenances, improvements, woods, Minerals, states, Crops, and so forth to have and to hold forever as his right and property. And the piece of land which I now live on I give to my youngest son William Washington Benson, as his right and property, forever also all my Buildings, Smelling House, Kitchen, Barns, to have and to hold forever.

I also give to my son Archibald Benson one young mare by the name of Finny.

I also give to my son William H. Benson the first Cows that the old Mare has but provided that the old Mare should not bring forth a Calf, then the first Calf, that the young Mare has will belong to the said William H. Benson.

I also give to my daughter Mary Jane Benson, one Cow and calf, by the name of White Dancer, with her increase, one Feather bed to my daughter.

Brown, and also one to my daughter Caroline and
 Matthew, and to my son William H. Brown and
 as for the rest of my stock of Cattle, I leave to
 be divided among my four youngest children
 at my decease.

I also leave to my wife Nancy Brown, the use
 of my plantation and stock of every kind as
 long as she bears my name, but in the alternative
 to leave all claim and title, this I have given
 her on the account of raising my youngest
 son, William H. Brown not putting in her power
 to sell any of the stock without the liberty of
 the four youngest children.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of
 us this 10th day of February in the year
 of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred
 and Thirtieth one -

Test. ^{his} Jacob X Wallace
 mark
 John A. Martin.

^{his} David X Brown Seal
 mark

"C.B." I also leave my old mare for the use of my fam-
 ily at large. I also leave it in my will and testa-
 ment, that my eldest sons to take care of my four
 youngest children until they grow up.

I the said David Brown in the presence of
 the present witnesses do hereby give and bequeath
 to his son Aaron Brown a certain piece of land
 containing thirty three acres more or less, lying on
 the South Side of White Oak Swamp, between the
 said Swamp and the river to have and to hold
 forever as his right and property and also for
 my daughter Helander Ann. One feather bed, one
 cow and calf, and one of cart to my son
 named at this time at Jefferson Rowers, one cross cut
 saw to my son Aaron, and one yoke of Oxen to my
 said son Aaron, as witness our hands and seals this 10th
 day of March 1834. Eighteen hundred and thirty four
 David Brown

In the name of God "Amen".

I Ann Garrison of the County of Bladen and State
 of North Carolina, do make and publish this my last
 will and testaments in manner and form follow-
 ing - "to wit"

My Executors hereinafter named are requested to
 see that my body is decently buried and that my
 debts are promptly paid

Item. 1st

I give devise and bequest to my worthy friend
 Joseph L. McRay, and Thomas L. Smith their heirs
 Executors and administrators the following property
 "to-wit"

All that plantation known as the Beloit planta-
 tion and ten acres of land adjoining Waddell
 Ferry and the upper half of the plantation on
 which I now reside, also a negro man named
 Anthony and boys Alexander and Oliver, also one
 large chest, one bed, bedstead and furniture and
 two cows and calves, in trust nevertheless for the
 use and benefit of my son William William
 during his natural life and after his death then in
 trust for the use and benefit of the children of
 my said son. Their heirs Executors and adminis-
 trators to be equally divided among them and
 should either or any of said children die without
 lawful issue, then in trust for the use and ben-
 efit of the survivor or survivors of them.

Should all of them die without lawful issue
 then in trust for the use and benefit of such
 children as my daughter Elizabeth Ann Thomas
 now has or may hereafter have. Their heirs Executors
 and administrators but it is my will and desire
 that the negro man Anthony above bequeathed, be
 sold by my Executors, and that he have permission
 in consideration of his good conduct and faith-
 ful services to choose his master and that
 the money arising from the sale be placed out
 on interest with good security or invested in
 Bank or other productive stock or in any
 which said Trustees may think most advisable
 and the interest or profit arising therefrom