

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God "Amen"

I David Chance of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being at this time under some affliction of body but sound in mind and memory blessed be God for my clear understanding whereby I have to mind the mortality of my body and the immortality of my soul knowing that it is appointed unto me once to die and after death the Judgment being these things must come to pass I think proper to give and bequeath what worldly property as it has pleased God to bestow unto me in the form and manner following and ordain this my last Will and Testament viz.

Respecting immortality I firmly believe in the resurrection of the dead and therefore recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors.

Respecting my worldly property. First. I give unto my well beloved wife Patience Chance during her life the plantation whereon I now live with four negroes Zacheus, Hannah, Susanna and Allen and after my said wife's death the said negroes and this income to devolve to my said son Joseph Chance for the increase of said negroes I have given to my wife during her life and the tract of land including the above mentioned plantation to devolve unto my said son Joseph Chance his heirs or assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Joseph Chance two hundred acres of land on the Marsh Swamp joining Jonathan Wright's lines also one hundred of land joining the plantation whereon I now live which said one hundred acres I purchased of William Singletary also one black mare one three year old Bay Horse and all my plantation tools one feather bed and furniture one chest and one table.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son James Chance the sum of ten shillings to be paid by my Executors.

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I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Sally Mercer one negro girl named Jane also one feather bed and furniture and two cows and calves. But if my said grand daughter should die childless then the said negro Jane to return to my said wife during her life and at her death to devolve to my grand son Daniel Cook and after all my just debt is paid. I give my son Joseph Chance twenty five pounds to be raised out of my perishable property that remains to be equally divided between my three children viz. Hyman Chance, Joseph Chance and Elizabeth Cook.

I constitute and appoint and ordain my well beloved wife Patience Chance and my son Joseph Chance as my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 14th day of May 1804.

Signed sealed and acknowledged to be the last Will and Testament of one the said David Chance. Signed with my own hand in the presence of William Hawthorne, Joseph Carrol, Minney & Jones more.

David Chance

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I Ralph M^r Ray of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory and understanding do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. I give and desire that all my just funeral charges may be paid.

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