

RECORD OF WILLS.

- to her and her heirs forever.
- 4th I give and bequeath Sarah P. Smith the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars.
- 5th I give and bequeath unto my brother Robert Raiford Roberson one negro girl named Linda to him and his heirs forever.
- 6th unto my two brothers Thomas and Partman one hundred dollars apiece in their own proper use the balance of what is left of my property I wish to be divided between my two sisters equally.
- I hereby appoint my two Brothers Thomas and Robert Raiford Roberson my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and Year above written.

Signed sealed and declared
by the said Margaret
Roberson as her last Will
and Testament in presence
of us.

James Roberson } Margaret Roberson Seal
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In the Name of God "Amen"
I David Gillespie of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina wishing to make the situation of my dear beloved wife Sarah Gillespie in the event of my death as comfortable as my circumstances will afford as well as doing what I hope will contribute to the Wellfare of my children. I make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in words following that is to say.

I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Gillespie

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during her natural life or widowhood all the property I shall die possessed of with the privilege right or authority of selling or disposing of any part thereof with Real estate not excepted. that she may think proper for her own comfort or that she may suppose to be conducive to the interest of our children in giving or distributing the same as filial portions in such manner and portions as she may choose without any accountability or responsibility for her conduct to any persons or persons whatsoever.

But if my said wife should again marry or die and property should remain not disposed of under the power before granted in the first event.

I give and bequeath unto my said wife the following negroes Jim. Delia, Bill, and Sinda together with her dower in my land and child part of the rest of my property according to the laws of North Carolina. and in either event I give whatever property that may remain not disposed of as aforesaid in trust to my esteemed friends Isaac Wright, James Owen, John Owen, Thomas Brown and John B. Brown. and any three of them the rest declining to act. to distribute among my children in such portions as they may under consideration that ought to influence a parent think they deserve when these gentlemen are informed that my motive is to prevent or curb dissipation and other indiscretion that young people are apt to fall into without parental restraint. they will I hope deem an apology unnecessary and will not refuse to act and to enable them to act with effect. I hereby grant them all the power and authority over the property that may devolve on their own according to the intent and meaning of this my last Will that I myself being sane in mind and in good health do hereby make and ordain my dear beloved wife Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of June 1861.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal.

This 22 July 1870.

David Gillespie Seal

In the name of God "Amen"

I William West of the County of Bladen and
State of North Carolina Slaves being maddly
in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks
be given unto God Calling unto mind the mor-
tality of my body and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die do make and
ordain this my last Will and Testament that is
to say, principally and first of all.

I give and recommend my Soul into the
hands of Almighty God that gave it and my
body I recommend to the earth to be buried
in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my
Executors nothing doubting but at the general
resurrection I shall receive the same again by
the mighty power of God and as touching such
worldly goods wherein it hath pleased God
to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose
of the same in the following manner and form.

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I give and bequeath unto Hannah West
my dearly beloved Wife all my movable property
such as Cattle, Horses, Hogs, Sheep, household fur-
niture &c. only enough taken out of said property
to satisfy my just debts and demands, also the
plantation wherein I now live to remain hers
during her lifetime, on purpose of raising my
youngest children and after Hannah Wests death
my lawful Wife then said property to be equally
divided or sold amongst my own children - and
their grand children Hannah & Hannah Jane

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and James West to share one equal part among
themselves, which division to be made by their
men.

I likewise constitute make and ordain the sole
Executors of this my last Will and Testament my
Wife Hannah West of all and singular property
movables and Tenements as above mentioned
by her self to be possessed and enjoyed.

And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and
disannul all and every other former Testament
will Legacies bequests and Executors by me in
anywise before named, ratified and bequeathed
or confirmed this and no other to be my last
Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal. This the 19th day of February in
the Year of Our Lord 1880

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
William West as his last
Will and Testament.

In the presence of us whom
in his presence and in the
presence of each other have
hereunto subscribed our names
Charles Culbert
Charles Culbert
William McKenry.
William McKenry
Anas Paul Jones Esq
Hans Ch. West