

RECORD OF WILLS.

The subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said William J. Deukam, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said William J. Deukam one of the executors therein named, in the last will and testament of the said William J. Deukam, deceased is duly qualified by taking the oath required by law.

W. J. Deukam

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County }

I David Singletary of said State and County do hereby publish and declare this instrument of writing as a formal will or testament as follows. I give and bequeath to my wife Abigail Singletary

One tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres including my house and other buildings also one tract of forty acres next the Archers (brothers) also one tract of thirty five acres joining the above also one tract of twenty five acres more or less joining the one hundred and fifty acre tract and the forty acre tract including part of the plantation and mill pond to the high water mark and to run square with a two hundred and fifty acre tract to said mill pond. also the mill tract including the mill and the above land I give unto the said Abigail Singletary to hold during her natural life and at her death the above named land I give and bequeath to my youngest son James D. Singletary his heirs executors and assigns forever.

The balance of my land I give and bequeath to

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four of my sons Jonathan Singletary David M. Singletary Josiah W. Singletary and Leven D. Singletary to be equally divided between them all and I do give and bequeath the above named land unto them their heirs executors and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my eldest son George D. Singletary one hundred and twenty five dollars in cash for the consideration of land to be paid out of his grand-father's estate. Jonathan Singletary dec'd, estate to him the said George D. Singletary his heirs executors and assigns forever.

My negro property and all my perishable property with all my stock of cattle horses hogs and sheep - that is not included in the above (with the exception that all my negro debts and all other expenses be paid out of my negro property) I give to my wife Abigail Singletary during her natural life or until she may give it up for a division at her death.

I give and bequeath to my three daughters Sarah E. Singletary Harriet D. Singletary and Mary D. Singletary one hundred and twenty five dollars each in consideration of land to be paid out of the last named property to them their heirs executors and assigns forever.

The balance to be equally divided between all of my children George D. Sarah E. Jonathan David M. Harriet D. Josiah W. Leven D. and James D. Singletary to them their heirs executors and assigns forever.

I do hereby appoint my wife Abigail Singletary as sole executrix of my will and testament to all intents and purposes. I the said David Singletary publish and declare this to be my last will and testament the 30th day of August 1861.

Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of August 1861.
David Singletary
Robert M. Jossens
Jos. E. Singletary

North Carolina }
Bladen County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Columbus Term 1862
At paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said David Singletary deceased.

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Testament of David Singletary deceased is exhibited as open Court for probate by Abigail Singletary the Executrix therein named and the due execution thereof by David is proven by the oath and examination of Robert M. Lussom one of the Subscribers witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of David Singletary deceased as aforesaid, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And therefore the said Abigail Singletary Executrix therein named in the last will and Testament of the said David Singletary deceased is duly qualified by taking the oath required by Law and receiving Letters Testamentary from this Court.

A. Blue Clerk

North Carolina

Bladen County

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In the name of God "Amen"

Sixth day of June in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two,

I Thomas Lucas in a low state of Health and have been for a long time but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to the almighty God for the same. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this and no other to be my last will and Testament I therefore recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and to be buried in a decent manner as my Executors may think proper and as touching such thing and estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me during this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner

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Item I give and bequeath to my Wife Priscilla Lucas my whole estate, real and personal until my eldest daughter arrives to the years of Eighteen then for my whole estate to be equally divided between my Wife Priscilla Lucas and her two daughters Mary Lucas and Sarah Lucas and in case she should be delivered of another child in nine months after my death the child to have its equal part all to share alike, but in case my Wife dies or marries after my death then her part to be equally divided amongst my children except her share of one Negro which I leave to her during her life and at her death to be divided among my Children.

I do hereby leave it in the power of my Wife Priscilla Lucas to give freely what she may think sufficient the maintenance of William the Children Linora and William until they arrive at the years of maturity, twenty one years old, and I further put in her power to give my 1st Son what she may think proper to give and leave to my brother Son John Lucas a young Negro a servant, Executors may find it convenient to purchase one or give Brits funds Cash. I do appoint Priscilla Lucas my Executrix and my friend George Lucas, Executor to the last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

State of North Carolina } This day personally appeared before
Bladen County } one Phoebe Dean and John Dean
who after being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of
Almighty God, depose and swear that some time in May in
the year 1806, that Sonthy Hays, did give and bequeath
to Sonthy Hays Son of William Hays and grand Son of
his own a certain Negro girl named Eva, about one year
of age to him his heirs and assigns forever, free and clear
from the claim or claims of any person whatsoever, and
also that the said Sonthy Hays, did give and bequeath
to Sonthy Hays Son of John Hays