

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God "Amen"

I Margaret Smith of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina - being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet V. Bidwell during her natural life, my tract of land purchased from my son Samuel C. Gause known as the Mineral Spring Plantation except my half acre lot and Summer House and improvements thereon. And the half acre including the Church reserved for the use of the Methodist Society.

I give and bequeath to my son Samuel C. Gause and his lawful children forever the residue of my said Mineral Spring Plantation after the death of my daughter Harriet V. Bidwell. And in the event of his death without lawful children to my Grandson William Tom, and my Grand daughters Princess Ann, Tom and Mary Jane Gause.

And in the event of the death of either of my said Grand Children, without lawful issue to the survivor or survivors of them.

And I also give and bequeath to my son Samuel C. Gause, my half acre lot and Summer House and other improvements thereon.

I give and bequeath to Harriet V. Bidwell during her natural life my negro Woman Jenny and her increase.

I give and bequeath to my son Samuel C. Gause and his lawful children forever my negro Woman Mariah and her increase. Also my negro Woman Jenny and her increase. After the death of my daughter Harriet V. Bidwell.

In the event of the death of my son Samuel C. Gause without lawful children. I give said negroes Jenny and Mariah, and their increase to my Grand Children, William Tom, Princess Ann, Tom and Mary Jane Gause. And in the event of the death of my said Grand Children without lawful issue to the survivor or survivors of them.

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I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet V. Bidwell during her natural life, my riding Horse and Double Buggy and Harness. All my stock of Cattle sheep and Hogs. my Household and Kitchen Furniture farming utensils and Plantation tools. and all

I give and bequeath to my son Samuel C. Gause my Bay Mare and Sully also my riding Horse Double Buggy and Harness all my stock of Cattle sheep and Hogs. my Stone Road and Kitchen Furniture farming utensils and plantation tools. after the death of my daughter Harriet V. Bidwell.

It is my Will that the Property bequeathed to my daughter shall be kept together and managed and employed in the best way for her use and benefit. And that my son Samuel C. Gause will live with her. Care and provide for her.

I do hereby Constitute and appoint John C. Smith my Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 17th day of October Eighteen hundred and thirty nine -

Margaret C. Smith

John L. McKay
Ch. E. McKay

In the name of God "Amen"

I Edmund Davis of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being now in a sound state of mind but well knowing the Frivolity and uncertainty of human life do hereby make and Constitute this my last Will and Testament.

In the first place I give and bequeath to my wife Eliza Davis, two hundred acres of land which I now live during her natural life. And the residue divided between my children.

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Gabriel Davis and Thomas Davis. -

also to my wife all my crop and Horse one Cow and Calf. eight head of Killable Hogs. 1 Sow and Pigs. And all my House Furniture.

Also to my three sons above named one Cow and Calf apiece. also two head of sheep and two head of Hogs apiece.

To my beloved daughter Elizabeth Davis one Cow and Calf. two head of Hogs. and two head of sheep which is to be sold. and the money paid to her. The balance of my property to be sold and the money equally divided between all my heirs namely. Mary Sikes Elizabeth Davis William Davis Peter Davis. Edward Davis. Gabriel Davis. and Thomas Davis.

Also to my wife two head of sheep. also I leave James Melvin Senr. Executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of October 1839-

Edmond Davis

John McGee
Wiley Hall

In the name of God Amen

I Benjamin Fitzgrandolph of the State of North Carolina and County of Bladen. being of sound and disposing mind do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

I desire after my funeral expenses that all my just debts be paid.

I give unto my beloved wife Sarah all my household and kitchen Furniture except a Bed and Chamber Chair for each one of my daughters Mary Ann and Rebecca

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one Yoke of Oxen. and two steers. Five Cows. and Lamb and Half of my stock of Hogs. in number not valuation. Her choice in all the above named things. all provisions that may be on hand. at the time of my death. and everything that is or may be on the Farm. to the sole use of my wife and family.

I leave my Carriage and Harness and Ox wagon and draft Chains. Blacksmith tools. Broad axe and two pitching axes. and large Bible to her and her heirs forever.

It is my desire that all my negroes remain on my plantation in the control and possession of my wife during her natural life likewise my plantation to be in possession of my wife during her natural lifetime. to tend or rent any or every part of it and at the death of my wife it is my desire that my land and negroes be equally divided between my daughters.

It is my wish that my wife should have make out or hire three hundred dollars worth of my timber pine or Oak. to her use and benefit alone and that she make one raft. every year if she wishes so to do.

If any land or negroes should fall to me by Bequest I desire that the land be sold and the proceeds to go to my wife entirely of said lands and negroes to be delivered to my wife and remain on the plantation with her during life - and then divided as above said.

I do constitute and appoint my friends George Formative and Benjamin Fitzgrandolph Jr. Executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the 10th of April 1841.

Benjamin Fitzgrandolph
June 7th 1841 B. Fitzgrandolph
being of sound mind and memory -
acknowledged this to be his last will and testament before us.

Chas. McDonald.

Elizabet Lyon.