

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God Amen
The seventeenth day of February in the year
of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and sixty eight. Jephth Heggons of the
County of Bladen and Province of North
Carolina being very sick and weak in body
but of perfect mind and memory thanks be
given to God thereto calling to mind the
mortality of my body and knowing it
is appointed for all men once to die to
make and ordain this my last will and
Testament. That is to say. Principally and
first of all I give and recommend my soul
unto the hands of Almighty God that gave
it and for my body I recommend to the
earth to be buried in a Christian like and
decent manner at the discretion of my executor
Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the
mighty power of God. And as touching
my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me in this life I give and
desire and dispose of in the following manner
and form.

In witness It is my will and desire that
my funeral charges and just debts be just
paid and satisfied. I give unto my beloved
wife Martha my negro man named Hector
to assist her in bringing up my daughter
Anna and to be disposed of by my said
wife as she shall think proper whom I likewise
make and ordain my sole executrix of this my
last will and Testament of all and singular
my goods and chattels and after her decease
to my daughter Anna and I do hereby utterly
revoke and disannul all and any other for
mer testament, wills, Legacies and executors by
me in any way before this time made,
willed and bequeathed ratifying and
confirming this and no other to be my last
will and Testament. In witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and seal the day

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and year first above written }
Signed sealed published } Jephth Heggons (Test)
pronounced and delivered
by the said Jephth Heggons
as his last will and Testament
in the presence of us the subscribers
John Lewis
Joseph Cain
John Cross
Mark.

North Carolina }
Bladen County } August Court 1763.
I do hereby certify that
the execution of the original will of Jephth
Heggons a true copy whereof this fully contains
was proved in open Court by the oath of John
Lewis who swore that he did see Jephth Heggons
sign and publish pronounce and declare this
to be his last will and Testament at the
same time Joseph Cain John Cross signed
as concerning and did thereunto in due form
of law

Test. Maturin Colwell Clerk.

In the name of God Amen
I George Gibbs of Bladen County Esqr.
now in perfect but knowing the uncertainty
of life do make and ordain this to be my last
will and Testament in manner following
that is to say:
It is my will and desire that all

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debt he paid and satisfied And it is my will and desire that my dear wife Margaret Gibbs had the use of my house and plantation where I now live in Bladen County and the use of all my household furniture during her widowhood, but if my dear wife Margaret Gibbs after my decease should remarry it is my desire that my personal estate shall then be equally divided between my dear wife Margaret Gibbs and my dear sons I.e. John George, Robert and Joseph Gibbs. My dear wife Margaret Gibbs part to be delivered to her immediately after the division which part I give and bequeath to her during her natural life and after her decease to revert to my sons above named to be equally divided between them which personal estate I give and bequeath to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son George Gibbs the plantation where I now live in Bladen County that is after the marriage or decease of my wife, also my lower survey on the Bogue containing three hundred acres of land, I devise and bequeath to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my son Robert Gibbs my upper survey of land on Bogue containing 800 acres. It is my desire my Executors whom I shall hereafter name purchase for my son Robert the piece or parcel of land joining the plantation I now live on belonging to the estate of Jeremiah Ward deceased if the said land is to be sold on reasonable terms and that they pay for it out of the profits arising from my estate. It is my desire that my Executors purchase for my son Joseph some convenient plantation of equal value with the land given to -

And the same I have desired shall be purchased for my son Robert to be paid for in like manner.

It is my desire all my land on Black river together with my sawmill shall be sold two years after my decease if my Executors think it

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will be for the benefit of my estate and the money arising from such sale to be laid out in the purchase of slaves to be divided in like manner as my other personal estate.

It is my will and desire that all the lands belonging to the estate of my brother John Gibbs deceased that are unincumbered to which I am heir at law be sold and the money arising from such sale be applied in like manner as that of my Black river lands and mill.

It is likewise my desire that my Executors see that my sons have as good an education as their fortunes will admit of, and lastly I nominate and appoint my dear wife Margaret Gibbs Executrix and my dear friend Henry Towne, Richard Duane I.e. John Burgin and John Acrom Executors of this my last will and Testament ratifying and confirming the same and revoking all and every will or Wills Testament or Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of May 1778.

John Towne
Benjamin Lamberton } George Gibbs Seal
William Stanford }
James Lovel }

In the name of God amen.

I Peter Gibbs being sick and in a very low state of health at present although of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and as I know that all men was appointed to die and I thought proper to make this my last will and Testament that is to say first of all I recommend my soul to God