

RECORD OF WILLS.

Testament. In witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Smith the Testator as his last Will and Testament.

In the presence of us } John Smith, ^{Signer}
 John Carson }
 Jonathan Thomas }
 Thomas Lloyd }
 John Carson }
 Jonathan Thomas }
 Thomas Lloyd }

In the name of God amen

I Sarah Salter of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God! I do publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit:

First Item I will and desire that all my debt and funeral expenses be paid.

I give and bequeath to my niece Mary J. Burnell and Sarah J. Thomas Negros which Hannah and her increase to be equally divided when Sarah J. Thomas comes of age and out of Sarah J. Thomas' share of said Negros ten pounds to be paid my niece Jane Rose.

I give my niece Sarah J. Thomas one Negro fellow boy, Eight cows, six Sheep and all my furniture. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided amongst my brothers and sisters George Thomas, John Thomas, William Thomas, Jonathan Thomas, Elizabeth Burnell, Mary Brownson, Susannah Rose and Nancy McCallum in three months after my death and I hereby nominate and appoint

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John Thomas and Jonathan Thomas executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 18th August 1797.

Signed sealed and delivered Sarah ^{her} mark
 in the presence of us } Isaac Sikes
 Isaac Sikes }
 Mary Harvey }
 John McKay }

In the name of God amen

I Isaac Salkeld of the County of Sampson and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God!

Do this Twenty-fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following:

That is to say,

If all I desire that all my just debts should be paid and satisfied,

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Ruth one Boy mare together with all my Stock of Cattle that is all my home and out on stock together with all my stock of hogs together with feather beds, bedsteads and furniture together with all my plantation and farming tools, together with all my household furniture together with all the rest of the property that I am possessed together with all the debts that is owing me to her and her heirs forever.

And I do hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Ruth Salkeld executor to this Will and Testament, setting hand and

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day and date above written. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Isaac Suckeld the Testator as his last Will and Testament:

In the presence of us } Isaac Suckeld his
who are present at this } Wm.

John Blackman
Abraham Taylor
Mary Blackman

In the name of God amen
I Michael Thomas in the State of North Carolina, County of Bladen being in low state of health but of perfect mind and memory make this my last Will and Testament.

First Of all I resign my soul unto God wherewithal it to me, and my body to be interred in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executor and as to my worldly property what it has pleased God to bestow upon me. I leave in the manner and form following:

Second I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Jane all my stock of hogs, horses, cattle, sheep, plantation tools and household furniture of every kind whatever during her natural life and then to be equally divided among all my children. I also leave her my plantation that I now live on and grist mill during her natural life.

I also leave and bequeath unto my son James the stock of cattle and hogs and household furniture that he now possesses. I also leave him the following described lands as long

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as he improves and cultivates the same and not exceeding three tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County and State aforesaid the first being a part of a tract containing two hundred acres bearing date by patent 1794. Beginning on the line in the mill pond, viz the mill pond central to a small branch that heads in the plantation, thence as that branch to a certain ditch that emptith into said branch, thence with the ditch to the back line, thence with that line south 55 West to a pine the beginning of said 200 acres, thence north 55 west 44.75 thence direct to the beginning containing 100 acres more or less.

The second tract is fifty acre joining the above. The third tract is joining the fifty acres before mentioned and contains 100 acres on the South West side of Pege Branch and bear Gris.

Also 100 acres on McLean's will be called Purdie. Should the said James Thomas not occupy and improve the aforesaid lands the executors to this Will or two men appointed by the County Court of Bladen is to take the aforesaid lands in possession and rent it year and yearly for the benefit of the heirs of James Thomas aforesaid. I also leave and bequeath unto my son Jonathan after my wife's death the remaining part of my lands with the Mill as already devised to him as also all the property that is now called his. I do all so nominate and appoint James Purdie, Sanders Summons and Jonathan Thomas executors of this my last Will and Testament. Signed, Sealed by me this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Seven.

Samuel Jesop Michael Thomas his
George Simperin mark