

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God "Amen"

I James H. Cain of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being in full health but in sound mind and memory for which I desire to give all the praise to God the giver of every blessing and feeling that human life is at all times uncertain, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and testament in Matter and form as follows. Viz

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary C. Cain. The land where I now live deeded to me by Isaiah Tolat, containing Sixty acres for and during her natural life or during her widowhood. also twenty five acres deeded to me by Polly Butler, adjoining the lands of James Johnson, for and during her widowhood or during her life, also two Cows and Calves, all my house hold and Kitchen furniture, also one Gray Mare also all the Hogs in my home place.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Harriet M. Cain. Sixteen and two thirds acres of land deeded to me by Jam Guthrie also one Cow and lamb.

I give and bequeath unto my Son Paul H. Cain. Sixteen and two thirds acres of land which I obtained by Sheriff's deed such as the Property of Catherine Arritt, also one Cow and lamb.

I give and bequeath unto my Son John R. Cain. Sixteen and two thirds acres of land deeded to me by Asaill Corbett, also one hundred acres of land in Rogersons Swamp for which I have the State grant, also one Cow and lamb.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann C. Cain. Thirty six acres of land in Blair's tract deeded to me by my grandfather Cain, also one Cow and lamb.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Cain. One hundred acres of land in South Bladen, also

one Cow and lamb.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan C. one Cow and lamb.

I give and bequeath to my son James H. Cain. Twenty five dollars in money.

I further Will and direct that out of the sale of my perishable property, not otherwise disposed of and what may be owing to me, that all of my just debts be paid and whatever may be left, be equally divided among all of my children.

I further Will and direct that the land which I have given to my wife during her widowhood after that be equally divided between my sons Samuel and John.

I further Will and direct that to those of my children to whom I have given no land, and if one should be born unto me of my wife after my death that they be made equal with the rest, before my perishable property is distributed.

I hereby further Will and direct that the entry of land which I have made in the entry takers office in the County of Surry, and if the land is obtained I give and bequeath it to my son James H. Cain, over and above his distributive share.

I hereby further appoint my much esteemed friend John Smith as Executor to this my last Will and testament.

Signed with my own hand and sealed with my seal this the 23rd day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty seven.

Signed in presence of
 Elias Tolat
 James H. Cain
 Isaac Tolat

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and
 Bladen County } Quarter Session
 August Term 1847-

The within Paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of James H. Cain deceased in the words and in

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in open Court and duly proven by Darius B. Styrus one of the subscribing witnesses to the same and for the last Will and Testament of the said James St. Clair.

At the same time John Smith the Executor named therein in open Court, renounced the Executorship of said Will. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that James Melvin be appointed administrator cum testamento annexo, &c.

H. H. Robinson Clerk.

I, James Gillespie of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory yet knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make public and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following to wit:

I will and bequeath unto my Wife Susan the following negroes, Sandy Tyler and Children and girl Rachel to have and to hold absolutely and unconditionally.

The balance of my negroes, the balance of my Negroes together with my land, be sold on such time and credits as my Executors herein after named shall deem best, to the interest of my wife and children.

Witness my hand and seal at Bladen County, N.C. this 1st day of March 1861.

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I desire to be sold on a credit of six months on the usual terms that is after the present crop shall be gathered and put in order for sale. My wife being allowed such portion of the crop, stock and provision as may be required for family consumption during her stay in the premises.

It is my Will and desire further that my Wife provided she cannot locate herself more agreeably elsewhere, live with a home at Floral College in Robeson County, for the purpose of educating more conveniently the younger children with the exception of my son James, whom I wish to engage in business or elsewhere so soon as the situation of the affairs of my estate will admit of.

I further give my Wife Susan the privilege of selecting all or any part of my household and kitchen furniture, and appropriating the same to her own use. The residue unappropriated, if any to be sold on terms, as directed in a prior part of this Will.

It is my Will and desire that after my just debts are paid my Executors should invest the proceeds of my Estate, in some safe way suited to the best interest of my Wife and my Children.

And that my Executors should supply my Wife from time to time with such sums as they may deem needful, for her comfortable subsistence.

Should the cash value of Corn be seventy cents or upwards, it is my wish that the present crop or when ready for market, be sold and its proceeds applied in mortgages, or otherwise for my Wife and family at Floral as heretofore directed.

It is my intention with my Executors whether or not be put into for market or sold, it depending upon their judgment whether there be profit or the figures to make them fat or not, namely to

I nominate and appoint my dear wife Susan my Executors and my Brothers Joseph and Richard Gillespie Executors to my last Will and Testament, vesting with them upon their faithful execution of the same.