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Will of James Carver

The Last Will & Testament of James Carver of Bladen County in the province of North Carolina this twenty seven the day of February one thousand seven hundred and fifty three, who being very sick and weak in Body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God do recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping for a glorious Resurrection by his power, and my Body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and as for my worldly Estate I give and bequeath in manner and form following Inprimis I will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to our society of People called Quakers two acres of land whereon the meetinghouse now stands to be laid out for the use of the meetinghouse and a grave yard to the aforesaid Society of peoples & their heirs for ever.

Item: I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Carver a good horse to be bought at the discretion of my Executors & her side saddle & Brille and one feather Bed and furniture belonging to it and one desk and one tea chest and one large Bible.

Item: My Will & desire is that after the term of three years is expired that my Executors if they think it best & more to advantage may sell my half of the saw mill and the land I now live on & if opportunity presents or offers to buy a good piece of Land and build a good house thereon with the said money which said land and house I give and bequeath to my son Job Carver his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item: My will & desire is that my true and Loving wife have a good sufficient room in the aforesaid House and one third part of the land that is bought for my son Job and the other two thirds to be delivered to him when he is of age.

Item: I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Carver one riding horse, side saddle and one feather Bed and furniture

Item: I will and desire that the fifty acres of land bought of Thomas Davis be sold by my Executors and I give one half of the money to my Brother Samuel Carver and the other half to be for the use of the Estate to pay debts

- Item I give to my beloved sister Sarah McKeithan one Cow & Calf to her and her heirs for ever.
- Item I give to Mary McKeithan Daughter to Donald McKeithan one Cow & Calf to her & her heirs for ever.
- Item I give & bequeath to the Daughter of Alex McKeithan one Cow & Calf wth her increase to her & her heirs.
- Item I will & bequeath to my beloved son in Law Robert Willard Junior son to John Willard North-Hampton County deceased one young Iron gray mear. one feather Bed.
- Item It is my will & pleasure that my plantation on R. --- quise Swamp on --- river be sold Containing four hundred & fort acres, to pay and discharge my first mentioned debts and a plantation in South Carolina be also sold Containing 394 acres of land by deed and patent be it more or less the sd. money to be --- out in Young --- slaves for use of the aforesaid Infant or Infants the heirs of my body & their heirs forever.

And I do hereby revoke & disannul all other former Wills and Testaments, ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seals the day and Year above written.

Dugald McKeithan
Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & delivered by sd. Dugald McKeithan as his last will & testament In the presence of us the subscribers.

Thos. McNeill
Alex^r McAlister
Angus Shaw
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Proved by Angus Shaw and oath taken by the executors.
Proved in open Court March 1750 by the oath of Angus Shaw
Thos. Robeson, Clerk.

Recorded in the Clerk's Office of Bladen County North Carolina according to Law.
Thos Robeson, Clerk.

Will of Elizabeth Bartram

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Elizabeth Bartram Relict of William Bartram, Esq. of Bladen County in the province of North Carolina, deceased being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) I resign my Soul to God that gave it hoping for the glorious resurrection at the last day by the mediation of my Blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors and Executrix hereafter mentioned, and as for my worldly Estate I give and bequeath in manner and form following, after my just debts are paid.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Robeson and her husband Thos. Robeson the sum of Ten Pound Proclamation Money of the Province aforesaid.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Brown and her husband Thomas Brown all my Negroes (as follows) Old Jack, Old Cloe, Billinder, Longo, Shicles, Joe, Amy, little Cloe, Florah & her three Children, viz. Dick, Nan and Tony, Together with all my whole stock of Horses, my whole stock of Cattle, my whole stock of Hogs, my whole stock of Sheep, with all their increase. My Household Furniture and all my out standing debts and all and Every, my whole Estate both Real and Personal, To my Daughter Sarah Brown and her husband Thomas Brown, their heirs and assigns forever.

My Daughter Sarah Brown and her husband Thomas Brown paying the above mentioned Ten Pound Proclamation Money, to my Daughter Mary Robeson and her husband Thomas Robeson as their whole share of my Estate, and no more.

I ordain constitute and appoint my Son in Law Thomas Brown and my Daughter Sarah Brown my whole and sole Executors and Executrix of this my Last Will revoking and Disannulling all other former wills and Legacies and allowing this to be my Last Will and Testament and no other as Witness my Mark and Seal, this Twenty seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy two

Elizabeth Bartram

Signed, Sealed, delivered, acknowledged, Ratified and confirmed in the presence of (over)

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Brother Samuel Carver and my son Job Carver one lot of land in Wilmington to be divided between them equally to them & their heirs for ever.

Item: I will & desire that all and every other part & parcel of my Estate as Negroes, Cattle, Horses and all other moveables be for the use of my wife and Children for their maintenance & schooling and at the age of my Daughter Elizabeth the said Estate to be divided and she to take her part.

Item: I leave my Brother Samuel Carver and my wife Elizabeth Carver whole and sole Executors & Executrix of this my last will & testament.

Item: I disallow, revoke and disannul all other former wills & Legacies, ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal.

Geo. Carver

Signed, Sealed, delivered and Confirmed in the presence of us.

Rich^d Mullington
Patrick M^r Conkey
George Willis

Provd by Rich^d Mullington
See Paid to Thos Robeson

Proved in Open Court June 1753 by the Oath of Richard Mullington

Thos Robeson, Clerk.

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