

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God "Amen"

I James Clardy of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak but of Perfect Mind and Memory Charles begins with God. Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say primarily and first of all,

I give and bequeath my soul unto the hands of almighty God that gave it, and my body, I do recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as knowing such worldly estate wherein it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form.

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Then

That all my lawful debts be paid out of my Estate I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one Negro man named Sambo, and one Negro woman named Rebecca to be possessed by her during her life and no longer than to be equally divided among all my children.

Then

I give and bequeath to my wife all my household goods during her life or widowhood and no longer than to be equally divided among all my children.

My lands I give to be equally divided between my sons. My wife having her share in my plantation during her natural life.

Then

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Dorothea Shaw one Negro named Rachel that is to say if she lives to have issue, if not it to be mine part of my estate and to be divided among all my children.

I will that the remainder part of my estate be divided among my children also.

Then

I do constitute make and ordain, Portian Hargrove William Boyan, Samuel, and James Shipman Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

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And I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every former Testament. These legacies bequeaths and Executors by me any time before named made or 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 this eighth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Signed Sealed Published and
Renowned and declared by
the said James Clardy as his
last Will and Testament in the
presence of us, who in his
presence and in the presence of
each other have hereunto subscribed
Our names.

Wm. Pittman
William Bigford
Abraham Bradley

James Clardy Seal

In the Name of God "Amen"

I Edward Davis of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do this the 20th day of January 1780 do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

Impressed, I commend my soul to God who gave it in hope &c &c. And as to what worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in manner and form as follows I order all my just debts to be paid and my funeral expenses. All the remainder left my estate to be equally divided between my children and

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