

for the children of George and Lenora Ruiz Williams with my wife Ann Ashford during her life time unless she choose to sooner give it up. I also desire that as the plantation on which I live is too large for my wife's force, that John M. Eide shall have possession of such part of the plantation and lands as he may deem proper so as not to interfere on the promise made for her during her life for the better performance of his my last will and testament.

I appoint John M. Eide sole Executor to my will and who is fully authorized to do every other thing which he may deem proper.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third of January one thousand eight hundred and sixteen. 1876.

Interlining in the sixth line, wife in the seventh to wit: twelfth of

Witness:-

Ann Baker } Street ⁱⁿ Seaford
Ann Williamson } ^{near}

In the name of God Amen

I James Bradley of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina do make ordain and declare this instrument of writing which is written in my own hand to be my last will and testament revoking all others.

Impremis:- All my just debts are to be permanently paid and my estate to be divided in the manner and form following.

Item My beloved wife Anna Bradley I give and bequeath the use profit and benefits of my whole estate both real and personal for the time of her natural life reserving to her disposal three negroes namely Anna Milly with Charles Milly's son who is two years old the 2^d inst. with all the household furniture as well as that of the kitchen

furniture of every description.
Item I will and devise all the lands I have or hold and stock of every kind that I may be possessed of at my death and all the plantation tools and implements belonging to the saw mill to John Bradley Cowan to his heirs and assigns except herein after mentioned as a token of my esteem.

Item I will and devise unto William James Cowan my half of the land sold by Isaac Jones to Bradley and Cowan which land is now held by John Cowan senior and the place on which he lives to him and his heirs forever, also one hundred and fifty acres of land patented by me beginning at his father's and grand father's corner on the east side of the North West River which will be seen by the records in the Register's Office.

As the said William James Cowan paying the aforesaid John Bradley Cowan five hundred dollars at the age of his coming to maturity, as a token of my esteem.

Item Ite my will that Jane Dranghan daughter of Robert Dranghan Esquire of Cumberland County be paid by my Executors two hundred and fifty dollars as soon as convenient to them or the situation of my estate will admit of as a token of my esteem.

Item I give to James H. Dranghan two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid as above directed to his sister Jane Dranghan.

Item I give to Joshua Potts an old friend one hundred dollars to him and his heirs.

Item In the office of the Court of Probate for the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia there will be found a bill of sale from my father of the same County to me for sundry negroes sold to me.

It is my desire that these negroes with their issue be equally divided between my living brothers and sisters and their representatives agreeable to the laws of North Carolina to them and their heirs forever.

Item It is my desire that all my wear and apparel

be given to John B. Cowan with all my books and
 guns except one marked with W. J. Cowan which
 I have allotted to William James Cowan as I
 have seen much disputation as to the legal form
 of wills amongst Legates and as it is now my
 wish that it should not be the case in this will.

That should I and my wife Anna Bradley both
 depart this life before John Bradley Cowan comes
 to the years of maturity, it is my desire that all
 the negroes be kept together and worked on my
 plantation as they will in my lifetime under the
 direction of my Executors until he the said John
 B. Cowan shall come to the years of maturity which
 property will be applied to his use only.

Item

The rest of my estate Real and Personal I will and
 devise unto William James Cowan, John Bradley
 Cowan and Ann Elizabeth Cowan to be divided
 amongst them or the survivors of them reserving
 to John Bradley Cowan any one of the negroes that
 he will make choice of for his own use free of any
 division and in case the aforesaid William
 James Cowan, John Bradley Cowan and Ann
 Elizabeth Cowan should depart this life before they
 have issue lawfully begotten them and in that
 case it is my desire the whole of my estate both
 real and personal be equally divided between the
 children of Robert Dranghan, Esquire of Cumberland
 County begotten to his wife Margaret Dranghan for-
 merly Mary Cowan and the children of Charles
 Ingham begotten by his wife Nancy formerly Nancy
 Bradley to them and their heirs forever.

And lastly I hereby appoint David Lloyd and
 James H. Drangham my Executors and my wife
 Anna Bradley my Executrix.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand this 17th
 day of February eighteen hundred and four 1804.

J. Bradley.

In the name of God. "Amen"

I James S. Purdie of Bladen County and State of
 North Carolina being met of body but of perfect mind
 and memory thanks be unto God do this 13th day of
 December one thousand Eight hundred and Sixteen.
 make and Publish this my last Will and Testament
 in manner following that is to say.

First

I give and bequeath unto Mary Jane my dearly
 beloved Wife one half the negroes and the increase which
 I possessed before my first marriage as well as
 those which I purchased since except old Job and
 Dave which I give and bequeath to my Son James
 Purdie Purdie which said negroes are to be equally
 divided between my said Wife and the child with
 which she is pregnant, provided it shall come safely
 into the world. And if it should not the one half
 of the said negroes is to go to my children Elizabeth
 Brown and James S. Purdie to be equally divided
 share and share alike between them and their
 heirs forever. and the other half to remain
 in the possession of my said Wife during her
 natural life but if the said child of which she
 is pregnant should be living at the time of her
 death then and in that case all the said negroes
 are to go to the said child and its heirs forever.
 And if the said child should die without lawful
 issue then the whole of said negroes are to return
 to my two children Elizabeth Brown and James
 S. Purdie to be equally divided between them and
 their heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath to my said Wife
 Mary Jane Purdie the least half of the tract
 of land lately purchased from John Burgess
 Agent for James Lord and Robert Barnes of the
 State of New York. and it is my request and
 desire that Thomas Brown and James S. Purdie
 do meet in some eligible spot on said land
 a commodious dwelling house 15 by 30 ft high
 strong for the use and convenience of my
 said Wife during the period of her life and
 one third of the wherewithal to be paid