

Will of James Clark, Sr.

North Carolina
Bladen County

Be it known to all men whom these presents shall come to, that I James Clark, Senr. Living on Cow Branch upon Drowning Creek, do by these presents make over my right, title and interest of the plantation I now live upon to John Stack with full liberty to obtain a patent in his own name Likewise to give full possession in a quiet peaceable manner, or in default thereof I promise to pay the sd. Stack the penalty or just sum of Fifty Pounds Proclamation money upon demand for value recd this 26 day of April 1757.

James ^{his} Clark
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Wm Bartram
John Mitchell

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Will of Robert Daway

In the Name of God, Amen, This Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty six, I Robert Daway of Bladen County in the Province of North Carolina being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory (Thanks to Almighty God for the same) but Calling to mind that all flesh is mortal & born once to die & after that to judgment. I therefore dispose of what it hath pleased God to bless me with of this world's goods. First I commit my soul to God, who gave it & my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors not doubting but that I shall receive the same at the resurrection of the just. I do also appoint my Trusty Friends John White, my wife Daway to be lawful Executors of my Estate to dispose of as follows. Executives of this my Last Will and Testament and as for my Temporal Estate after all my just debts are paid I give, devise, dispose in manner & form following, viz:

Imprimis: I give & bequeath to my well beloved son Robert Daway third part of my land or lands (after my decease) & pt of moveables. Item: I give & bequeath my son Robert Daway third part of all my land or lands & moveables after my decease.

Item: I give & bequeath to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Daway third part of my land or lands & moveables, after my decease. And all lands & moveables to be equally divided between the above two sons and daughter after my decease.

Item: I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Daway during her life time her equal share as the law directs in the said County of Bladen & St. Martins Parish.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th Day of January in y^e year of our Lord 1756 & in the 29th year of the Reign of our Sovereign King George the second.

Robert Daway

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us.

John Stack
Henry ^{mark} Sims
James White

Bladen County January Court 1758.

The above Will was proved in open Court by the oath of James White to be and contain the last Will and Testament of the testator Robert Daway at whose request and in whose presence the said James White signed his name as a witness thereto and that John Stack & Henry Sims signed as concurring Eviders Recorded in the Minutes of said Court.

J. Burgwin, CC