

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God, Amen. I, James Grimes, of the county of Bladen & state of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory blessed be God, do this the 28th day of May A.D. 1860, make publish and declare this to be and contain my last will and testament, viz: Item 1st it is my will and desire that first all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Item 2d I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Ann and her four children to wit: John Elizabeth Columbia and Victoria the dwelling house and all the lands on the side of the road that the dwelling house stands, also my negro woman Rose and her two children named Robert and Judy, also all my household and kitchen furniture plantation lots, my crop, stock and provisions, and all the money on hand and debts due me. I also give my wife the privilege of working half the land owned by me lying between the road where I now live and the Cape Fear river until my son John arrives to the age of twenty-one years in the above named property I give my wife only a life estate & in the event that she shall marry then she is not to enjoy the property any longer or to have anything more to do with it. Item 3d I give and bequeath to my son Moses W. Grimes the sum of Ten dollars. Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son James B. Grimes and my daughter Eliza Rowell my negro woman named Sarah, and her increase, to be equally divided between them. Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Grimes my negro boy Archie and one hundred acres of land on the creek that I bought from Nunkon. Item 6th I give and bequeath to my son Franklin Grimes the one half of my land lying between the road leading from Wilmington to Fayetteville & the Cape Fear river also my negro boy Ed. Item 7th I give and bequeath to my son John Grimes in addition to what I have given him in Item 2nd the one half of my land between the road and river.

one-half to Franklin and the other half to John
Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson,
Samuel Orndel the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50).

And it is my wish and desire that the property that
I have given to my younger children in Item 3rd
remain in common between them for their sup-
port and education until the youngest of them
arrive to be eighteen years of age. Item My execu-
tor hereinafter named, to sell my great Pat and
buggy and harness and apply the proceeds
to paying such legacies as have been bequeath-
ed & if any remain after settling the estate it
is to be paid over to Item the 3rd and I do hereby
nominate constitute and appoint my son David
Grimes executor of this my last will and tes-
tament. Signed, sealed published and deliver-
ed in the presence of

James Grimes 

Entered before signed
one hundred acres of
land to D. Grimes that
I bought of N. Nimlow.
Witness Daniel Evans
Durram Lewis

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and
Bladen County } Quarter Sessions

Nov. Term A.D. 1866.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will
and testament of James Grimes deceased, is
exhibited in open court by David Grimes
the executor therein named, and the due ex-
ecution thereof by the said James Grimes is
proven by Durram Lewis one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the
Court that the said paper writing and every
part thereof is the last will and testament of the
said James Grimes, deceased, and the same
is ordered to be recorded and filed. And

thereupon the said David J. Grimes executor as
aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the
oath prescribed by law.

J. Blue, Clk
J. A. Richardson, Sec.

State of North Carolina }
Brunswick County }

I George W. Ballentine a resident
of Bladen County, State of North Carolina but
serving at the present time in the army as corpo-
ral in Capt Lait's company of Artillery stationed
at Fort St. Philip, Brunswick County, State of North
Carolina being mindful of the uncertainty of
human life do hereby make this my last will
and testament I now being in full health of
body and mind, appointing thereto as executor
Hugh E. McCollum of Bladen County, N.C.

First: It is my desire that all of my lawful debts
be paid to do which enough of my personal
property will be sold if necessary.

Second: I give and bequeath to Fagloom Mc-
don in trust for the benefit of my mother Catherine
Ballentine during her lifetime the residue of my
real and personal estate, and on her death
to revert to my lawful heirs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal at Fort St. Philip, N.C. this
third day of July in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred & sixty-two

George Lait, Witness
D. H. Clark.

G. W. Ballentine 