

Will of Hugh Blaning

North Carolina

In the name of God Amen I, Hugh Blaning of Bladen County do nominate this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, Viz.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sister Sarah Stars two eldest sons the sum of two hundred pounds sterling to be paid them in the produce of the Country when they come to the age of twenty one years. I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth the use of all my other Estate Real & personal during her natural life & after her decease to her son William Hale & her daughter Elizabeth Hale to be equally divided betwixt them, except the plate which I leave to my wife But if William & Elizabeth Hale die before they are of age or without issue lawfully begotten. I leave my sister Sarah Stars two eldest sons heirs to my wife I leave my beloved wife Elizabeth Blaning & my friend Matthew Rowan, Esqr. My Executors & Executors to this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of May 1751.

Hugh Blaning

Signed, sealed & published in presence of

Proved in Open Court March 1752 by the Oath of
Thos. Robeson, Ck.

Will of James Moorhead

In the name of God Amen the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, I James Moorhead of the County of Bladen and province of North Carolina, Mill Right, being of perfect mind and memory and understanding Thanks be given unto God therefore Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form -

Impremises it is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral Charges be paid and satisfied.

Item: It is my will and devise that all my whole Estate Real and personal be Equally divided between my wife and Children, Sarah Moorhead, William James Gore and Sarah if in Case that my Executors see proper it is my devise that they shall make sale of my lands and if in Case the lands are sold that the money may be put to use till the Children are of age.

And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and Disannul all other former Wills heretofore by me made and I declare this to be my last Will and Testament and I do hereby nominate Ordain and appoint my wife Sarah Moorhead and Alexander McCordy to be my true and Lawfull and whole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year above first Written.

James Moorhead

Signed sealed published pronounced and delivered by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribe our names in the presence of the said Testator

Peter Gore
Lawrence Byrne
Mary ^{for} mark

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North Carolina
Bladen County
July Court 1759

Be it remembered that, at a Court held at the Court House in and for the County of Bladen on the fourth Tuesday in July Anno Dom 1759, the within will was proved in open Court by the oath of Mary (one of the evidences thereto) to be and contain the last Will and Testament of the Testator James Moorhead at whose request and in his presence the said Mary subscribed her Mark as a witness thereto And that Peter Eatie & Lawrence Byrne signed at same time as Concurring Evidences.

J Burgin
Recorded in the Minutes of said Court.

Will of Samuel Porter

In the Name of God, Amen

I Samuel Porter of Bladen County & Province of North Carolina Being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I therefore Commit my Soul to God who give it in hope &c & my body to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executors - And for what worldly goods God has blessed me with I do leave & bequeath in way & manner as follows (viz)

First I do order that all my just debts shall be paid & what remains I do order to be just & equally divided amongst my four Children viz: James, John, Hugh & Samuel Porter & that the plantation I now live on to be sold & be divided as above among my said Children & I do constitute & appoint Mr Peter Road & William McKee my Executors to this my Last Will & Testament & I do also make Void all former Wills or Testaments that have been by me made Ordaining & appointing this my Last Will. In Witness Whereof I set my Hand & Seal this thirtieth day of September Anno Dom. 1757.

Samuel Porter Seal

In Presence of —
Matthew Byrne
Nathl Platt
John Lock

Proved by the oath of Matthew Byrne
October Court 1757.

J Burgin