

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 formerly 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 State of N. York "Annu"

I James S. Purdie of Otsego County and State of New York being sick of body but of perfect mind and memory. Shanks 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 dear 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 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 Burgeson 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 to her.

by Thomas Brown and after her death to be paid by my son James B. Purdie and provided she my said wife should marry againe then the said child to go to the Child of which she is pregnant if living and its heirs forever. otherwise to my son James B. Purdie and his heirs forever. provided the child of which my said wife is pregnant should be a male and live to the years of maturity then and in that case it is my will and desire that the said child have one half of all the land which I purchased of John Marshall as also one half of a tract of land purchased from Chas Mc Gee as also one half a tract of land in Elliot Creek and one half the mill site on said lands which I have been lately purchased to erect a saw mill and also one half a tract of land in the Church East side the Church West River purchased from Margaret Jones to the use of the said child and his heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath to my said wife Mary Jane Purdie my Double Chair and harness one Bed and furniture five Cows and Calves five Swine and hounds two Sows and pigs, and a guinea dog to be purchased for her by my son James B. Purdie.

I give and bequeath to my two children Elizabeth Brown and James B. Purdie all the negroes which I got by my first wife and their increase to be equally divided share and share alike between them and their heirs forever.

I also give to my said two children Elizabeth Brown and James B. Purdie one half of all the negroes which I possessed before my first marriage as well as those which I have purchased since except those which have already been disposed of to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Brown ^{one tract of land} on the Brown Marsh which I purchased at the sale of Josiah Lewis also my tract of two acres in Elizabethtown adjoining Russ' old field and one tract of ground in Elizabethtown below Goutin and Richardsons Brick Yard to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son James B. Purdie the plantation on which I now live with all the plantation tools household and kitchen furniture and stock of every kind except what has already been disposed of all my guns and one half of a lot of ground in the town of Elizabethtown adjoining a lot now in the occupancy of Duncan McNeill as also all other lands not before disposed of to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Jane Purdie Elizabeth Brown and James B. Purdie all the notes and money which I have at the time of my death to be equally divided between them.

I hereby make and ordain Thomas Brown and James B. Purdie sole Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disclaim revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament wills Legacies and Executors by me made in any way before named written and 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 the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and published
by the said James B. Purdie
as his last will and Testament
in presence of
John Smith
James B. McGe

James B. Purdie Seal

In the County of Goddard

16/1818

I John Ellis of the County of Goddard in State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory blessed be god do this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighteen make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following Viz =

All my just debts to be punctually paid.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son James

First
Second