

Will of John Maulsby

North Carolina

In The Name of God Amen, I, John Maulsby of Bladen County, planter, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say. Imprimis: I give to my sons John & William and my daughter Hannah R one pound six shillings and eight pence proclamation money

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife all the rest and residue of my personal Estate to be disposed of as she shall think fit. Item: I give, devise and bequeath to my Wife Mary all my lands situate and being in the County of Bladen or elsewhere and all other my real Estate which I may be possessed of or entitled unto at the time of my death for and during the term of her natural life and after provided she shall remain a Widow and from and after her decease my will is that the same be divided between my daughters Mary and Sarah share and share alike, but in Case my said Wife Mary shall marry again that the same shall have her Dowry or Third of the sd real Estate only and the rest and residue thereof shall go to and be divided between my said two daughters Mary and Sarah and their heirs share and share alike and I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me at any time hereto made and do nominate and appoint my said Wife Mary sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said John Maulsby have hereinto set my Hand and Seal this Twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine.

John Maulsby

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in the presence of the Testator and at his request have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses.

Robt.

John Jones

Wm. Harrison

North Carolina
Bladen County

January Court 1750

The within Will Commission & Execution of William Harrison one of the witnesses thereto were returned to our Court held for the said County of Bladen on the fourth Tuesday in January and being read in open Court it was ordered that Letters of Administration be granted unto John Maulsby which is recorded in the Minutes of said Court. And Benjamin

Will of David Davis

In The Name of God, Amen, the Ninth Day of December in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & forty, I David Davis of the County of Bladen in the Province of North Carolina Being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God therefor, Calling unto mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament. That is to say, principally & first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I commend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named 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 & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imprimis, that is to say first of all my will is for all my just debts & funeral Expenses be first paid & discharged by my Executor in one year after my decease.

Item, I give, devise & bequeath unto my only & well beloved sister Rachel Davis & to her heirs forever all that plantation & tract of land which I purchased of Gabriel C. Wayne being six hundred & forty acres lying on the North East side of the North West River in the aforesaid County & Joyns the upper of Land surveyed for William Cary, do lead to her the sd. Rachel Davis & her lawful heirs forever together with all the Ready Money goods Effects Chattels & moveables whatsoever & wheresoever the same may be found to be due owing or payable or by me any wise belonging or appertaining to be paid by my Executor in one year after my decease, the land being first paid for and do hereby nominate & appoint my Trusty Friend William Bartram, Esq. to gather, Collect & receive into his custody & charge all & whatsoever goods, Chattels & effects to me any wise belong & therewith to pay sd. Gabriel Wayne for the land according to my bargain with him and in my name to cause him to execute such a title for the same as is by agreement required.

And I do likewise constitute make & Ordain the sd. William Bartram to be my only & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament & do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all & every other Testaments, Wills, Legacies, requests and Executors by me in anywise before this time made & bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this &