

RECORD OF WILLS.

First

In the name of God Amen
I Peter Brodus of the County of Bladen
and Province of North Carolina being seized
the abundant mercy and goodness of God though
weak in body yet of a perfect understanding
and memory do constitute this my last
my last will and Testament and desire
it may be received by all as such.

I most humbly begueth my soul to God
my Maker beseeching his most precious
acceptance of it through his most sufficient
merits and mediations of my most compassi-
onate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave him-
self to be an atonement for our sins and is
able to save to the uttermost all that
come to God by him seeing he now liveth
to make intercession for them and who I
trust will not reject me a returning penitent
sinner when I come to him for mercy I do
hope and confide in I render up my soul
with comfort humbly beseeching the most
trinity one God most holy most gracious
and merciful to prepare for the time of my
decease and then to take me to himself into
that peace and rest and incomparable felicity
which he has prepared for all that love and
fear his holy name Amen Blessed be God

I give my body to the earth from whence
it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection
from thence at the last day as for my
burial I desire it may be made as discreet
without pomp or state at the discretion
of my dear wife and who I doubt not
will manage it with all requisite propriety.

As for my worldly estate I will and
positively order that all my just debts be paid
and discharge by Executors hereinafter named

Also give and bequeath to my brother
William Brodus in the County of Philadelphia
and Province of Pennsylvania the sum of Five
hundred and thirty dollars and also do give and

Lastly

devise unto my loving wife all the rest
of my Estate Real and Personal goods and
Chattels and Personal Estate whatsoever
to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I do make and constitute my said wife
Executor of this my last will and Testament
This 8th day of January in the year of
our Lord 1787

Stephen Mulford } Peter Brodus (seal)
John Hayes }
Margaret Rose }
mark

First

Then

Item

Item

In the name of God Amen
I John Gibbs of Bladen County Esq. now
in perfect health but knowing the uncertainty
of life do make and ordain this to be my
last will and Testament in manner and
form following That is to say-

It is my will and desire that all my
just debts be paid and satisfied.

I give devise and bequeath that my dear
wife Amelia Gibbs during her life the use
of my plantation whereon I now live in
Bladen County and after her decease then
I give devise and bequeath the said
plantation to my nephew John Gibbs son of
George Gibbs and to his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my dear wife
and to her heirs and assigns any one of
the negroes I did possessed of which she may
make choice of and I give and bequeath
unto my said wife all the household furniture
I am possessed with at my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my nephew
John Patrick son of sister Betty Garrison
all his heirs and assigns my negro boy

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Item ^{Isby.} It is my desire that the residue of my negro and stock be divided into two equal parts by decent persons to be appointed by the Inferior Court of the County one moiety of I give and bequeath unto my wife during her life and in case my wife should after my decease intermarry and have issue in such case it is my Will and desire that my wife's share of the said negro and stock as aforesaid after her decease shall go to such issue which I give and bequeath accordingly. It is my desire on the negro and stock being divided as aforesaid that my brother George Gibbs has his choice for his children if he thinks proper. And ask the moiety or half part of my negro and stock undisposed of I give and bequeath unto my children of my brother George Gibbs to them their heirs and assigns to be divided between them share and share alike. And it is my desire that my debt be equally divided and discharged one moiety by my wife and the other moiety by my brother out of the profits of the negro bequeathed to his children. It is my will and desire that my other estate whether real or personal which I may die possessed of may be divided between my wife Amelia Gibbs and the children of my brother George Gibbs in the like proportion and in the same manner as heard before.

And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my brother George Gibbs John Burgess Alexander Duncan Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Signed Sealed published & declared } John Gibbs (Deaf)
by the above named Mrs Gibbs as for his
last will and Testament in the presence
of us who have hereunto subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto in the presence of The Testator
and in the presence of each other
Steph Sturton
Edward Chinn
John Rot

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North Carolina Bladen County August Court 1771. Then was the execution of the within Will proved in open Court by the oath of Jas Baily who swore to the hand writing of Steph Sturton Edward Chinn witnesses thereto one of which is dead & the other out of the province
Adm^{or} Record

Test. Matthew Colwell, Ck.

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County }

The Remonstrance will of Joshua Haynes time of his last sickness & writ. Jonah Lewis make of oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that on the 20th day of October last he was called upon as a witness by Joshua Haynes now deceased to see him the said Joshua verbally give and deliver unto Rebecca Manly two negro children to wit a negro girl named Peg and a boy named Dick and also give and deliver unto Ritrah Manly a negro boy child named Jack which said negroes he the said Joshua Haynes did then and there give and deliver unto the aforesaid Rebecca and Ritrah Manly and acknowledged in presence of him the aforesaid Joshua Lewis to be his free gift will and desire.

Suborn to this 6th day November 1770

Witness
Robt. Scott
W Bryan

J. Lewis