

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God "Amen"

I Richard Singletary of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following observing notwithstanding such bequests, devises and alterations as shall after be made in this my last Will and Testament

1st I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Singletary Fifty acres of land, including my dwelling and out houses, and as much cleared land, and as may be sufficient for her subsistence also my negro Man Mingo my boy Mare and one flom and gear one or one Roe, two beds and furniture with bed, sheets all my kitchen furniture four cows and calves, half of my stock of hogs and sheep, half of my Bee hives during her natural life

2^d I give and bequeath to my son Peter Singletary that part of my cleared land be it more or less which I shall have marked off with stakes direct to unto my dwelling house and also at the death of my beloved wife Sarah, that part of land above described given to her during her natural life, also the two beds and furniture above named, also one horse named Roebuck, also I desire that my stock of cattle hogs sheep and bees, be equally divided between my sons Peter and John and daughter Sidgey and Sophia, Nepsy and Amelia

3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Amelia one bed and furniture also one hundred and fifty acres of land, called Byrnes Marsh.

4th I give and bequeath to my son John Singletary that part of my cleared land, which I shall mark off by stakes in the lower part of my plantation with an equal part with my son, Peter, of all my uncles land to be divided between them share and share also also one young filly mare, also one flom and gear and furniture already delivered to him.

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5th I give and bequeath to my grand sons Haden Haden Cain, Samuel Cain, and Richard Cain two hundred acres of land in the tract that first where Joseph Cain now lives and a negro man named Bill, formerly owned by and now in the possession of Joseph Cain to be equally divided between them provided they never claim or care for anything of my heirs in consideration of a negro man named Samba decided by me to them with Bill which I have been obliged since to sell to pay their father's debts, and provided they shall ever claim any consideration from my heirs of the above said negro Samba that then it is my desire that the above two hundred acres of land and negro Bill be equally divided between all my heirs share and share alike

6th I ordain and appoint my son Peter Singletary Executor to this my last Will and Testament vesting him with full authority to sell any part of my property for the payment of my debts and collect money due to.

Signed and sealed
in presence of,
Joshua Stokes,
Richard Stokes

} Richard Singletary Test

In the name of God "Amen"

I Josiah Hendon of the State of North Carolina and County of Bladen do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, my Executors will see that my body is decently buried and that my just debts are paid -

I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Fitzgerald, Alexander McDermott and George Wright in trust for my daughter Margaret Whiffians the sum of negroes, to wit namely John, Southy, old Sam, Virsias, Penah and Re four children.

Peggy, Sue, Clarissa and William with their future increase and after the death of my daughter Margaret, the trust to continue for the benefit of her children Alexander Williams David Jackson Williams and Richard Williams and such other children as she may hereafter have and it is my will that the trustees exercise the owner ship in such way as they may think is best calculated to serve the object of the trust viz.

The respectable maintenance of my said daughter Margaret her present children and such other children as she may hereafter have to effect this my Executors may exercise their discretion as to the management of the property and do no doubt for the best

2 I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Styr Randolph, Alexander McDowell and Isaac Mott in trust for my grand daughter, Lydia Baldwin the following negroes, namely, one old Sam, Kate Young Sam, Alex. Betty, Catherine Lydia and Alex. with their future increase

After the death of my said grand daughter Lydia Baldwin the trust to continue for the benefit of her children and such other children as she may hereafter have.

It is my wish that the trustees exercise the ownership in such way as they may think best calculated a respectable maintenance of my said grand daughter Lydia Baldwin her present children and such other children as she may hereafter have to effect this my trustees will exercise their discretion as to the management of the property and do no doubt for the best.

3 I give and bequeath unto Alexander McDowell and his heirs forever the following negroes, namely, Robert and Dianah and I also give and bequeath unto the said Alexander McDowell during his life the following negroes Peter and Jack and after the death of Alexander McDowell

it is my will that the said negroes Peter and Jack are to be equally divided between my grand daughter Lydia Baldwin and Mary Baldwin.

4th I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Mary White and the heirs of her body forever the first choice the one half of the following negroes, namely, Mariak, Abram, Ann, daughter of Mariak and her three Sarah, Ann Asah and Mike, also Dick Pigger, the daughter of old Lucy, Jane and Eliza the daughter of Mary, Jim, Si - old Lucy, Tom, Mary Sal and her four children, namely, Anna, Benjamin and Jim, and Eliza, with the half of what more the said negroes may have at my death to be more plain respecting the first choice, it is my will that my said grand daughter Mary White shall choose out one half of the above mentioned trust negroes, namely, one with the half of their increase at my death.

It is also my will should the two negroes which she makes choice of, with the one half of the increase they may have at my death be more valuable than the remaining ten with one half of their increase at my death, she the said Mary White is not to pay anything more to the other half.

5th I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Elizabeth Ann Wood and Margaret Ann, Susan and the heirs of their bodies forever, the other half of the above mentioned negroes, and the increase to be equally divided between them.

6th It is my will and desire that all the remaining of my personal property shall be sold against to Law, and the money arising therefrom to be applied to the payment of what just debts I may owe at the time of my death, and to the payment of any lawful debts that may come against my estate after my death, should a balance be remaining it is my will it shall be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter Margaret Williams and the children

my daughter Lydia Baldwin and Mary
White for the promotion of their education
I give and bequeath and it is my desire
that all the lands I am possessor of shall be
equally divided amongst the sons of my daughter
Margaret Williams and the sons of my grand
daughters Mary White, and Lydia Baldwin.

I hereby revoke all wills by me made and
declare this to be my last will and testament
I constitute and appoint Benjamin H. Randolph
Alexander McDonnell Isaac Wright Executors to this
my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the 3^d day of May 1830.

Signed and sealed

In presence of

Lugard McKittaw
Chas. L. Harvey

Josiah Hudson seal

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In the name of God "Amen"
I Solomon Johnson of the County of Bladen
and State of North Carolina being sick
and weak but of sound mind and memory
thanks be to God calling to mind the uncertainty
of my body and knowing that it is appointed
unto all men once to die do hereby make
and confirm this my last will and testament
that is first of all I bequeath my soul to God
that gave it and my body to the earth to be interred
in decent Christian burial at the discretion
of my friends and as touching such worldly
estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I
give and bequeath my whole estate goods and
chattel lands and tenements to my wife Elizabeth
Johnson during her natural life and at her
death to my six daughters Elizabeth Beckwith

and I hereby appoint and ordain my wife
Elizabeth Johnson sole executrix of this my
last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal on the 5th day of August in
the year of Our Lord 1831.

Witness
J. McKittaw 3 Solomon Johnson
Margaret McKittaw 3 wife

In the name of God "Amen"

I Archibald Monroe of the State of North
Carolina and County of Bladen being of sound
mind and perfect memory but of weak body do make
and ordain this my last will and testament in
witness and form following viz-

1st I want such a part of my perishable property
to be sold at public auction as will be sufficient
to pay all lawful debts against my estate and
funeral expenses the said to be collected out of my
wife Mary Monroe

2^d I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary
Monroe during her widowhood all my lands
not encumbered across all my negroes viz-
Tilly, Violet, Belle, Ben and Etalon all my stock
of every denomination my whole furniture and
all the residue of the same with their increase
and benefit during her life but if she should
marry again a child's part for life only

3^d I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Margaret Kelly one bed and clothes one cow
and at the death of my wife a negro girl
named Paula.

5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Mary Monroe one bed and clothes if she should
get married and at the death of my wife
a negro girl named Anna