

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God. Amen:

I Josiah Singletary of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina: Blessed be God - being of sound and disposing mind and memory - but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say =

Item 1st That my Executor hereafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my wife and relations, pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, out of the first money that may come into his hands, as a part of my estate.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Singletary, as follows, all the stock of every description that she brought with her at the time we were married, or such as are remaining or may be remaining at my death and all such other goods and chattels as she had at the time of our marriage and all such other articles of household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools that she had bought with her own money, since we were married, to her and her heirs forever.

I relinquish all claims to the negro woman Bida which my wife bought with her own money, and also the negro girl Phoebe which my said wife drew as her share out of her former husband's estate together with their increase to dispose of she may think proper.

I further give unto my said wife during her lifetime the plantation in which I live containing one hundred and sixty acres, and at her death the said land to be equally divided between my son Willis Singletary and my two daughters Susan Hook, wife of William Hook, and Amelia Hook, wife of Joseph Hook to them and their heirs forever.

I also give unto my wife during her life time the use of the negro man Bido, but I leave him and his heirs out, during the winter

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season to keep pay for the lands, and at her death to be equally divided between my son Willis Singletary Susan Hook and Amelia Hook to them and their heirs forever.

I further leave to my said wife my Horse Chair and Harness. The Chair and Harness at her death to her heirs and if the Horse should outlive her, to be divided in like manner as the said Household and Kitchen Furniture as I bought with my own money, I leave to my wife during her lifetime.

Item 3rd The negro man "Nat" and the old woman Beck I leave to her until my debts are all paid and then to be equally divided between my son Willis Singletary and my two daughters Susan Hook, and Amelia Hook to them and their heirs forever.

Item 4th To my son David Singletary I give and bequeath the sum of One dollar, having already given him his proportionate part of my estate. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint John Monroe my lawful Executor of this my last Will and testament, to all intents respecting any Force this or mine by me at any time heretofore made this the 14th day of December AD 1841 -

I, Josiah Singletary publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament.

In presence of -
Crockett Kelly
Edward Lewis

Josiah Singletary
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