

RECORD OF WILLS.

I will that all my just debts be paid and in the hand and that place. I bequeath unto my beloved wife in her own right to do with as she thinketh good unto her and the residue of my estate, real and personal, to have and to hold unto her own proper use forever.

And I hereby appoint my friend Charles Mawett Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at the time and place first above written

at Douglas } Stephen ^{his} Dallas seal
Thomas Smith } ^{more}

In the name of God "Amen"

I George Meares Williams being in perfect Reason and of sound and disposing mind do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking any other wills heretofore made

1st I direct my Executors herein after named to pay all my just debts, and the balance of my estate I give devise and bequeath as in manner herein after named.

2^d I give devise and bequeath unto my niece Catherine Meares daughter of my brother William B Meares my mulatto girl named Mared to her and her heirs forever.

3^d I give devise and bequeath unto my nephew Henry Meares son of my said brother my negro boy named Daniel to him and his heirs forever.

4th I give devise and bequeath unto my nephew Thomas Meares son of my said brother my negro boy named Riley to him and his heirs forever.

5th I give devise and bequeath unto my sister

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Catherine Meares wife of my said brother my negro woman named Sally to her and to her heirs forever.

6th I give devise and bequeath unto my said brother William B Meares the following negro slaves, Indant West, Maryann, Lewis, Gost, Jack, Dick, Brad, Catherine, Bucky, Salace, Lucy, Nancy, Salace, in chattels, and jewelry.

I also give to my said brother William all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my said brother William B Meares Executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said George Meares Williams have hereunto set my hand and seal at Wilmington this the 1st day of May in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirteen signed sealed, published and declared in the presence of us.

George Meares Williams
Gabriel Holmes Jr
Ch. M. Hooper

In the name of God "Amen"

I Margaret Robinson of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina on this the 20th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine being of sound mind and perfect memory do make and declare this to be my last will and testament - namely -

1st My Executors are directed to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved mother the sum of twenty dollars.

3^d I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth Robinson one negro woman Mary and her

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- to her and her heirs forever.
- 4th I give and bequeath Sarah P. Smith the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars.
- 5th I give and bequeath unto my brother Robert Raiford Roberson one negro girl named Linda to him and his heirs forever.
- 6th unto my two brothers Thomas and Partman one hundred dollars apiece in their own proper use the balance of what is left of my property I wish to be divided between my two sisters equally.
- I hereby appoint my two Brothers Thomas and Robert Raiford Roberson my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and Year above written.

Signed sealed and declared
by the said Margaret
Roberson as her last Will
and Testament in presence
of us.

James Roberson } Margaret Roberson Seal
Willis Council } 3

In the Name of God "Amen"
I David Gillespie of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina wishing to make the situation of my dear beloved wife Sarah Gillespie in the event of my death as comfortable as my circumstances will afford as well as doing what I hope will contribute to the Wellfare of my children. I make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in words following. That is to say.

I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Gillespie

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during her natural life or widowhood all the property I shall die possessed of with the privilege right or authority of selling or disposing of any part thereof with Real estate not excepted. that she may think proper for her own comfort or that she may suppose to be conducive to the interest of our children in giving or distributing the same as filial portions in such manner and portions as she may choose without any accountability or responsibility for her conduct to any persons or persons whatsoever.

But if my said wife should again marry or die and property should remain not disposed of under the power before granted in the first event.

I give and bequeath unto my said wife the following negroes. Jim. Delia, Bill, and Sinda together with her dower in my land and child part of the rest of my property according to the laws of North Carolina. and in either event I give whatever property that may remain not disposed of as aforesaid in trust to my esteemed friends Isaac Wright, James Owen, John Owen, Thomas Brown and John B. Brown. and any three of them the rest declining to act. to distribute among my children in such portions as they may under consideration that ought to influence a parent think they deserve when these gentlemen are informed that my motive is to prevent or curb dissipation and other indiscretion that young people are apt to fall into without parental restraint. they will I hope deem an apology unnecessary and will not refuse to act and to enable them to act with effect. I hereby grant them all the power and authority over the property that may devolve on their own according to the intent and meaning of this my last Will that I myself being sane in mind and in good health should enjoy.

And I do hereby make and ordain my dear beloved wife Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.