

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God "Amen"

I Matthew Byrnes of Bladen County in the State of North Carolina being in good Health and of perfect mind and memory do make ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following

I give and bequeath to my son James A. Byrnes the following negroes Joe Jack, Nance and their increase that have been born since they were in possession of any increase they may hereafter have. The said negroes the said James A. Byrnes has received and valued at the sum of One thousand dollars when given

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Anders (Now deceased) and their heirs and their children the following negroes which was in her and said Sarah Anders possession at the time of her my daughter Sarah Anders deceased, namely Jude and Lucy and their increase including the children that have been born, and may hereafter be born the said negroes. The said Sarah Anders received in her life time, and valued when given at the sum of One thousand dollars.

I give and bequeath to my son Alex. J. Byrnes the following negroes, namely Peter, Simon and Phoebe, and their increase that may have the said negroes. The said Alex. J. Byrnes has received and valued at the time given at one thousand dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sophia Carter during her natural life, and then to her children the following negroes, namely Mary and her children, Caroline, Eliza, and Sophia and also Patsy and her child, and their increase including also the children that have been born since in their possession or any increase they may have after now. The said negroes the said Sophia Carter has received and valued when given at the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to my son Richard Byrnes as he has not had any negroes but Fifty dollars besides his

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ratio or part of the rest of the negroes, with the children.

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas A. Byrnes a valuable part of the negroes with the rest of my children taking out of this part named Jacob. The said to Samuel Anders. For four hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna Maria Robinson the following negroes that is Maria and her children and their increase that they may have born. The said negroes, the said Anna Maria Robinson has received and valued when given at the sum of three hundred dollars.

I will and desire that my other children my son John M. Byrnes, and my daughter Mary, M. Byrnes and my son, Matthew Byrnes, with Richard and Thomas Byrnes, we have an equal share of what negroes may be in the plantation or belonging to me at my decease.

I also will and desire that what land I may be possessed of may be divided among my son James Alexr. Richard, Thomas, John, and Matthew Byrnes. Alexr. has had two hundred acres of this part of my land, already, giving my daughters a small portion of this part, say fifty dollars each.

I bequeath to my wife Mary Byrnes a child's part of the perishable property of my estate and her life time on the lands.

And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons, James, Alexr. Richard and Thomas Byrnes Executors of this my last Will and Testament whereof I have set my hand this 17th day of December 1837.

Matthew Byrnes Test

I wish and direct that after the children is made equal out of the perishable property that I may have the balance to be divided equally, the order on making up for breaking stock so that they have the

M. Byrnes

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Since I wrote this Will: I have given my son Richard L. Byrne the following negroes, viz: and his children, Alfred, Sandy and Eliza, and the income that they may have born to them of the said negroes. That said Richard Byrne has received and when given at. Seven hundred dollars. and Richard paid me one hundred and fifty five dollars to be taken out of their valuation makes their value nine hundred and fifty five dollars.

B. Robinson.

M. Byrne.

State of North Carolina
Bladen County
In presence of James Plummer.

of the County and State aforesaid being in good health and sound mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life do in the name of almighty God make and ordain this to be my last will and testament at the same time utterly revoking all wills heretofore made by me - viz.

1st I give to my sister husband and daughter Will Beard and Sophia Downing one dollar each.

2nd I give to my brother Skinkin M Plumber one dollar

3rd I give and bequeath to my dear wife Lucy all my lands my Negroes that I now possess as also the Negroes and land given to me by my father at the death of my mother together with all that was left me by my father and my share of cattle and hogs

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my horses and farming utensils and every thing I possess unless she should within the space of eight months after my death be delivered of a child and said child live to be grown or married it is my will and desire that it should have one half of the Negroes also at the death of my dear wife the lands whereon I live the ~~hollands~~ to remain my dear wife and her heirs forever. Should the child die before my wife it is my will and desire the property continue my wife and her heirs forever. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this 11th of May in the year of our Lord eighteen thirty eight

James Plummer

April 30th 1841

I further will and bequeath unto my mother in law Joseph Phames the land given me by my father in his last will and testament lying on the east side of Cape Fear river siting the place where my father last resided after the death of my mother she having a life estate in the same.

I further here by ordain and appoint my much esteemed friends Jonathan Evans John Smith as Executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the day and date as above written.

Done in presence of James Plummer
Jas Robinson
A. J. Byrne