

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God "Amen"

I David Chance of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being at this time under Divine affliction of body but sound in mind and memory blessed be God for my clear understanding whereby I have to mind the mortality of my body and the immortality of my soul knowing that it is appointed unto me once to die and after death the Judgment being these things must come to pass I think proper to give and bequeath what worldly property as it has pleased God to bestow unto me in the form and manner following and ordain this my last Will and Testament viz.

Respecting immortality I firmly believe in the resurrection of the dead and therefore recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors.

Respecting my worldly property. First. I give unto my well beloved wife Patience Chance during her life the plantation whereon I now live with four negroes Zacheus, Hannah, Susanna and Allen and after my said wife's death the said negroes and this income to devolve to my said son Joseph Chance for the increase of said negroes I have given to my wife during her life and the tract of land including the above mentioned plantation to devolve unto my said son Joseph Chance his heirs or assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Joseph Chance two hundred acres of land on the Marsh Swamp joining Jonathan Wright's lines also one hundred of land joining the plantation whereon I now live which said one hundred acres I purchased of William Singletary also one black mare one three year old Bay Horse and all my plantation tools one feather bed and furniture one chest and one table.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son William Chance the sum of ten shillings to be paid by my Executors.

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I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Sally Mercer one negro girl named Jane also one feather bed and furniture and two cows and calves. But if my said grand daughter should die childless then the said negro Jane to return to my said wife during her life and at her death to devolve to my grand son Daniel Cook and after all my just debt is paid. I give my son Joseph Chance twenty five pounds to be raised out of my perishable property that remains to be equally divided between my three children viz. Hyman Chance, Joseph Chance and Elizabeth Cook.

I constitute and appoint and ordain my well beloved wife Patience Chance and my son Joseph Chance as my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 14th day of May 1804.

Signed sealed and acknowledged to be the last Will and Testament of one the said David Chance. Signed with my own hand in the presence of William Hawthorne, Joseph Carrol, Minney & Jones more.

David Chance

In the Name of God "Amen"

I Ralph M^r Ray of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory and understanding do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

I will and desire that all my just funeral charges may be paid.

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I give and devise that my mother Ellen McKay may possess all the worldly goods I now stand in possession of during her natural life and be disposed of at her decease in the following manner and form

I will and devise that it may be divided equally between my two brothers, Archibald and David McKay.

And I hereby nominate and appoint John McKay and Archibald McKay Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of August 1790

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us,
John McKay.

In the Name of God Amen

I James Moorhead being of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and having to mind that it is appointed for all men now to die do constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following. That is to say

I give and bequeath unto Isaac Wright husband of my daughter Elizabeth the back part of the land known by the old Court House the front being already divided to him, the land formerly belonging to Raiford River also divided in hundred and forty acres on White Oak, bought of the McKays which there is a joint in favor of the land is not recorded in that case the

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Said Isaac Wright is to have one hundred pounds for it. Also Six Hundred and forty acres which Mrs. Robison now lives. Also three hundred and twenty patented by David White, beginning on the Branch back of where William Davis' live and run towards Mr. Henderson. Also Six Hundred and forty acres patented by James Moorhead and William J. Watson it being only one half of the patent the part of Watson is divided to Mr. Drakley and, giving the other mentioned one half of the same on or near Sweet River. Also one half of a Survey of land in the Western Country. Mr. Duncan Stewart has the one of it

I give and bequeath unto Horton James husband of my daughter Sarah all the remaining part of my real Estate my house plantation the lands joining Doanston bought of William Robison together with all other not already bequeathed to Isaac Wright

The aforesaid tracts or parcels of land I give and bequeath unto the said Isaac Wright and Horton James, to their own proper use and behoof so that they may sell or convey the same for the benefit of their families, as I don't wish any child or grand child confined to any local spot of earth on my account

It is my desire that the property heretofore given either to the one or to the other shall not be carried into a division except such as heretofore excepted which is two negro girls that is close to my daughter Sarah and Mary given to my daughters, to my daughter Elizabeth which was given before marriage these two negroes together with any horses cattle household, Furniture already given is not to be carried into a division,

All the remaining part of my estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with of what kind soever, as well the negroes already in their possession as well as those in my own Cuff excepted shall be thrown into one common stock and the whole divided into equal parts, between my two daughters, Sarah James and Elizabeth