

RECORD OF WILLS.

Testament of David Singletary deceased is exhibited as open Court for probate by Abigail Singletary the Executrix therein named and the due execution thereof by David is proven by the oath and examination of Robert M. Lussom one of the Subscribers witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of David Singletary deceased as aforesaid, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And therefore the said Abigail Singletary Executrix therein named in the last will and Testament of the said David Singletary deceased is duly qualified by taking the oath required by Law and receiving Letters Testamentary from this Court.

A. Blue Clerk

North Carolina

Bladen County

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In the name of God "Amen"

Sixth day of June in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two,

I Thomas Lucas in a low state of Health and have been for a long time but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to the Almighty God for the same. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this and no other to be my last will and Testament I therefore recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and to be buried in a decent manner as my Executors may think proper and as touching such thing and estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me during this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner

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Item I give and bequeath to my Wife Priscilla Lucas my whole estate, real and personal until my eldest daughter arrives to the years of Eighteen then for my whole estate to be equally divided between my Wife Priscilla Lucas and her two daughters Mary Lucas and Sarah Lucas and in case she should be delivered of another child in nine months after my death the child to have its equal part all to share alike, but in case my Wife dies or marries after my death then her part to be equally divided amongst my children except her share of one Negro which I leave to her during her life and at her death to be divided among my Children.

I do hereby leave it in the power of my Wife Priscilla Lucas to give wholly what she may think sufficient the maintenance of William the Children Linora and William until they arrive at the years of maturity, twenty one years old, and I further put in her power to give my 1st Son what she may think proper to give and leave to my brother Son John Lucas a young Negro a servant, Executors may find it convenient to purchase one or give Brits funds Cash. I do appoint Priscilla Lucas my Executrix and my friend George Lucas, Executor to the last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

State of North Carolina } This day personally appeared before
Bladen County } one Phoebe Dean and John Dean
who after being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of
Almighty God, depose and swear that some time in May in
the year 1806, that Sonthy Hays, did give and bequeath
to Sonthy Hays Son of William Hays and grand Son of
his own a certain Negro girl named Eva, about one year
of age to him his heirs and assigns forever, free and clear
from the claim or claims of any person whatsoever, and
also that the said Sonthy Hays, did give and bequeath
to Sonthy Hays Son of John Hays

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of the said Seneca Stage, a certain negro girl named
Belmy, which negro was at the time hardly one year old
to him his heirs and assigns for ever, free and clear
from the claim or claims of any person or persons what
soever. Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 25th
July 1805.

D. Nooby ^{his} Deem
^{man}
John D. D. ^{his} Deem
^{man}

Richard Holmes ^{Esq}
Ct. D.

The Subscribes witnesses appeared before me was examined
and sworn to the above mentioned gift before fifteen days
had elapsed after the death of said Seneca Stage
and not before ten days had elapsed.

The above is a copy from the original of
Richard Holmes
Attest James S. Smith Ct. D.

In the name of God. "Amen"

I, Elizabeth Stage of the
County of Madison and State of North Carolina being
perfect mind and memory, Blessed be god do this the 3^d
day of January, make and publish this my last will and
testament in the following that is to say, after noon remaining
my soul to him that gave it.

It is my desire that all my debts be paid. I give
and bequeath to my three daughters, Mary, Elizabeth and
Ann Stage the plantation where I now live known by
the name of Drumton to be equally divided between
them their heirs and assigns forever. The remainder
of my lands of every description I give and bequeath
to my son John Stage to him his heirs and assigns
forever and when and whenever the land

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it is my desire that it should be paid out of the
property of my estate my negroes. Stock of Parishetts
property of every kind,

I give to my four children viz Mary, John, Elizabeth
and Ann Stage to be equally divided between them
share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns
forever and if either of them should die without issue
the part or parts of such child or children shall be equal
ly divided between the surviving children. I have made
by my last husband Mr. Stage.

I hereby make appoint my two Brothers James
and Jonathan Smith. Executors of this my last will
and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal. The day and date above written

Signed, Sealed, published and delivered by the said
Elizabeth Stage the Testator as her last will and
testament in the presence of Eliza Moore, and Ann
Watson,

Elizabeth Stage

Mrs. Eliza Moore of Robert Hodge of Beadon
County, in the State of North Carolina, when on his
death bed, who did then and there in the presence
of Mr. John Thomas and his wife say that it was his
will and desire to give and bequeath and did also
give and bequeath unto Mrs. Lewis and Mary his wife
the whole of his property both, real and personal that is
to say, after his just debts and funeral charges were
paid which will and desire was expressed by the said
Robert Hodge a little before his decease, and acknowledged
it to be his last will and testament. This day
John Thomas, personally appeared before me and
to act on the Oath, Evangelist of the Gospel of
the repeatedly Read Robert Hodge when

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and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching and concerning the worldly estate God hath blessed me with I leave in manner and form following.

First I desire all my just debts to be paid by the sale of any of my stock and my Executors shall think proper or if they think proper by crops.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Gause five Negroes named Hannah and child Cloc. Ludge. Peggy and Plummer and one third of all my stock of all kinds and one third of all my household furniture forever. Also one third part of my land during her life.

Item I give unto my loving sister Mary Bloomer one Negro girl named Liddy to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give unto my brother Samuel Gause one Negro boy named Harry and two thirds of my land and at the death of my wife the other third part which I gave to her during her life. Also one horse named Solomon with all my wearing cloths to him and his heirs forever.

Item All the rest of my personal estate I do give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Gause during her Widowhood and at the day of her marriage to be equally divided among my brothers and sisters Mary Bellum Samuel Gause Elizabeth Gause and my desire is that Samuel should have my boy Cesar the time of the division at his value and lastly I do nominate Elizabeth and appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Gause Executrix and my beloved father William Gause and my loving brother Samuel Gause Executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying this as my last Will. I witness

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whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of January 1792. Signed sealed and acknowledged to be my last will and Testament in presence of

John Gause
William Gause
Samuel Gause } Studham Gause (Seal)

North Carolina
Dedham County

In the name of God Amen
This 27th day of June in the year of our Lords 1792 I Thomas Lucas being in a low state of health and has been for a long time but in perfect mind and memory. Thanks be to the almighty God for the same. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die. do make and ordain this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

I therefore recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it. and to be buried in decent manner as my Executors may think proper and as touching such things wherein it has pleased god to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item

I give and bequeath to my wife, Priscilla Lucas all my whole estate real and personal. that is to say my eldest daughter arrives to the years of Eighteen then for my whole estate to be equally divided between my wife Priscilla Lucas and her two daughters Mary Lucas and Sarah Lucas and in case she should be deceased of any

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Child in nine months after my decease to the Child to have its equal part of all to share and share alike. But in case my wife dies or marries after my decease then her part to be equally divided amongst my children except her choice of one negroes which I leave to her during her life and at her death to be divided amongst my children & I do hereby leave it in the power of my wife Lucinda Lucas to give yearly what she may think sufficient for the maintenance of my two children Susan and William until they arrive to the years of Majority say twenty one years old. And I further put it in her power to give my dear father what she may think proper to give.

I leave to my Brother's Son John Lucas a young Negro as soon as my Executors may find it convenient to purchase one or give him sixty pounds cash.

I do appoint Lucinda Lucas my Executrix and my friend George Coates to this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day first written within signed sealed and acknowledged.

In presence of
Daniel Perry
Richard Carter
Richard Clayton

Thomas Lucas Seal

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In the Name of God Amen
I Anna Lloyd of the County of Bladen in Province of North Carolina being through the blessing of mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound mind and perfect understanding and memory do amostate this my last will and Testament and desire it may be received by all such as follows. That is to say principal and first of all.

I recommend my soul to God and my body I recommend to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me with I give and devise and dispose of in the manner following.

Supremis - I give to my daughter Mary McRee all my wearing apparel my Negroes my cattle money and household furniture with all other my goods and chattels after my lawful debts are paid I give to my cousin William Smith a piece of land that was given to me by my father but in case my daughter Mary McRee should die before she is twenty one years of age and should have no lawful heir of her own body behind her then I do give and bequeath to my cousin William Smith. And as to my assigns John Smith the whole of my estate to him his heirs and assigns whom I make the Executors of this my last will and Testament with full power to sell or exchange my part of my estate as shall think proper or most advantageous for the good or benefit of my daughter whom I also charge to pay all my lawful debts or any other instruments of writings ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my seal this the 18th day of April 1770.
In presence of
Elizabeth Bailey
John Smith
James Bailey
Anna Lloyd
Elizabeth Lloyd