

## RECORD OF WILLS.

named Will<sup>e</sup> is to be included.

I leave to my loving son James M<sup>r</sup> Ree, the plantation I now live on, provided his mother is not to be dispossessed of what part she occupies during her life time, which time begins at the Green Bryans - on which I had live more or less to another piece of land my property then down that line to James Bradleys land, along that line to Mrs. Sanders up to R. Rayfords line that land may contain about 200 acres more or less also one fourth of all my negroes.

I leave to my loving son John M<sup>r</sup> Ree, one piece of land joining Joseph Kinglams land line beginning I think at Bradles, but then up to Josephs line to a Lightwood stone Church along to Edwards line and stills line to a stone wall stiles line Church to a white oak tree, James Maulands field down that line to R. Rayfords line till it joins with his Brother James line, the fourth of this piece is to begin at the above James land line down the River to any persons on the River bank, it will be about 75 poles, I want these lines back said effect, owing to the variation of the compass, to R. Rayfords line this piece of land may contain about 200 or 500 acres more or less, also one fourth of my negroes, provided that said lands and negroes, shall not be delivered to either of my two last mentioned sons, until they come to the age of twenty three, unless it happens.

I leave to my grand son William Kinglams, one Negro Wench named Belle, and child Frank, which much was devised to my daughter Sarah in her life time with one other young negro at the division of my estate by my Executors, a piece of land joining James Maulands containing 200 acres and a piece of land near Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Ry's land, containing one hundred acres, with my yard and C. S. with my two stiles to be used if it any advantage to pay my debts, 640 acres of land for two or. Another piece about east side plantation branch to be made use of or disposed of as my Executors shall see fit, at my loving Wifes death, her <sup>children</sup> ~~children~~

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part of the negroes. The above much excepted, with the stock of every kind and household furniture is equally to be divided amongst my children also one negro given named King, a negro girl named Nestor, with Will as above shall be divided with the rest of my negroes, but Will shall be of the number, of my son Griffith John<sup>r</sup> St.

And I do hereby constitute my loving wife Margaret M<sup>r</sup> Ree, my son Griffith John M<sup>r</sup> Ree, Joseph Kinglams my Executors and Executors to this my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills or Testaments by me made assuming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1789.

William M<sup>r</sup> Ree. <sup>in</sup> Test

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

In the Name of God Amen  
The 1<sup>st</sup> day of June in the Year of Our Lord 1780  
I Thomas Roberts of Bladen County, now in Body and perfect mind and memory Thanks be unto God for the same and giving to mind the mortality of body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say principally and first of all.

I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith

First I desire god to bless me with in this life. I give  
 devise and dispose of the same in manner following  
 That is to say first. I desire and it is my Will that  
 all my just debts be paid and satisfied.

Second I desire and it is my Will that my five children  
 Bartram Jonathan, William Elizabeth and Sarah  
 may be well educated in Reading Writing and  
 Arithmetic and the expense of it to be out of my  
 whole estate, and after they arrive to the age of 21  
 ten years the three boys to be put to some trade or  
 sailing which they choose themselves.

Third I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
 Mary Robeson, one third of all my movable  
 estate after the education of my children is  
 paid of which she may choose during her  
 natural life and at her death for to dispose  
 of the same as she thinks proper amongst my  
 children. And if she should make no disposal  
 at her death in Particular then to be equally di-  
 vided amongst my children.

Fourth It is my Will and desire that my wife live in  
 the house and on the plantation where I now live  
 so long as she remaineth a Widow, and if she  
 should marry it is my Will and desire that she  
 have her part of the land laid off to her during her  
 life.

Fifth I give and bequeath all the real and remaind  
 part of my estate lands, negroes stock of all  
 kinds and movable estate to be equally divided among  
 my children Bartram, Jonathan, William, Elizabeth  
 and Sarah, to and amongst them and by them  
 truly to be possessed and enjoyed.

Sixth I desire that in case any one of my children  
 should die before they arrive at the age of twenty  
 one years, & without being lawfully begotten that then  
 and in that case their part of the estate to be equally  
 divided amongst the rest of the surviving children  
 both lands and moveable estate.

Seventh I do hereby ordain and appoint my wife  
 Mary Robeson, to be Executrix while she remain  
 a Widow, but as soon as she should marry  
 "and"

to be deprived of acting and also I do appoint my son  
 Bartram and Executor to act when he arrive to the age  
 of nineteen and also I do appoint my brother John Robeson  
 James Condit, Wm. J. and James Elliot my lawful and  
 whole Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

I do hereby wholly disavow revoke and disannul  
 all and every other former will and Testament and Express

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
 seal, the day and year above written.

Given, Said and Published

in the presence of

Samuel Davis

Richard Shigltan

James Shigltan

Thomas Robeson Seal

In the Name of God "Amen"  
 I John Paul of Bladen County and state of North  
 Carolina being weak of body but of perfect strength of  
 memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for  
 all men once to die do make and ordain this my last  
 Will and Testament, That is to say Principally and  
 first of all.

I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty  
 God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried  
 after a Christian manner at the discretion of my  
 friends and Executors, nothing doubting but at the  
 general resurrection I shall receive the same  
 again by the mighty power of God, and as  
 touching such worldly goods as it has pleased  
 God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose  
 of in the following manner and form.

After all my just debts is paid I give and bequeath  
 to my loving wife Elizabeth one third part of  
 lands that I now live on, for her natural life.