

Will of Laurence Peacock.

State of North Carolina

Edgecomb County, I Laurence Peacock do this the 6th day of December 1854 make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner following (viz)

Item 1st I lend to my beloved wife Polly Peacock during her lifetime or widowhood the following property - say three negroes named Betty Laura and Eliza and the half of the lot - that is all my right and interest in and to the lot called the house lot where I have formerly lived in the town of Bentonville in Johnston County also my interest in a tract of land which I purchased of D. H. Bridgers which is one half of the tract containing about seventy five acres lying on the south side of Mill Creek in Johnston County adjoining Adam Williams and others and all my household and kitchen furniture during her lifetime or widowhood at her death or marriage I give the above named negroes, lot, land and furniture to my daughter Sally Peacock to her and to her heirs forever.

Item 2nd I give to my beloved wife Polly all my interest in or ownership which one half of this to her and her heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give my two shares of stock in the Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad to my daughter Sally Peacock I leave all my right and interest to all the land and town lots that I have to be sold except those given away in a former item and all my other property that is not given away all my debts that are due me collected by my executor hereafter to be named and after all my just debts and other necessary expenses paid I give all the balance to my wife Polly Peacock and my daughter Sally Peacock to share equally.

Lastly I appoint my brother-in-law and trusty friend David H. Bridgers to execute this my last will and testament and desire that my said executor shall carry on the firm of D. H. Bridgers & Co till this years business is closed sometime in March next in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date first written signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

William Ellis
John Wilkinson

Laurence Peacock Seal

Johnston County Court - August Term 1855
Then was the foregoing paper writing duly proven in open court by the oath and examination of John Wilkinson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded & D. H. Bridgers duly qualified as ex J. H. Kennedy clk

Will of Elizabeth Stevens

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Stevens of Johnston Co and State of North Carolina being of sound perfect mind and memory do this 29th day of July 1845 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following (viz)

Item I give and bequeath unto the heirs of William H. Stevens the sum of one dollar to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Julius A. Stevens the sum of one dollar to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Caroline S. Cogdell wife of John S. Cogdell the sum of one dollar to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Fredham B. Stevens one negro woman Famer and child Phillis all my stock of horses and cattle one yoke of (oxen) steers two ox carts one set of blacksmith tools all my household and kitchen furniture not divided in this will also all my farming utensils of all kind to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth S. Cole one bed and furniture one chest and one side saddle to her and her heirs forever.

And I hastily make and ordain my son Fredham B. Stevens executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Stevens have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Elizabeth Stevens to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who were presents at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Goel Goyner Jr.
B. B. Allen

Elizabeth Stevens Seal

Proven in open court and ordered to be recorded and B. B. Stevens is duly qualified as ex J. H. Kennedy clk