

Will of William Bridgers

In the name of God Amen I William Bridgers of Johnston County and State of North Carolina, being sound and weak in body but of perfect sense and memory do hereby be to God for the same and calling to mind the certainty of death knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I give and bequeath my loving wife Jane four likely negroes namely Margaret a fellow one negro woman called Ann a negro boy called Fernal, and one negro girl called Nancy, the house and lot where I now live on, the whereon my stable stands, one hundred acres of land on the South side of Jones river where on I have a full three hundred acres land lying on the North side of Jones River on Buffalo all my stock pigs and cattle and four feather beds and furniture, two horses called Jack and Sam and all my household furniture and working tools. I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Betsey four negroes, one woman called Rose, one negro girl called Jim one negro boy called Lin and one boy called Bob. One tract of land including several improvements containing in the whole eleven hundred acres with one tract called Willis Holders all lying on Marks Creek and the remainder of my horses that is not above given and it is my will that said horses be sold and the money arising from such sale be given to my daughter Betsey and all of the remainder of my estate that is not mentioned above after my debts are paid and what is due to me collected. It is my will that it shall be sold and the money arising from such sale be equally divided between my wife and daughter and I give to my loving daughter two feather beds and furniture and one bed without furniture and hereby make and ordain my wife executrix and my trusty friends Johnathan and Samuel Smith executors of this my last will and testament. In witness I the said William Bridgers have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this 28th of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine. Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the said William Bridgers the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of the sealing thereof.

Ettestes
 Samuel Smith
 John Allen

William Bridgers (seal)

Will of John McKimney Smith

On Saturday the first day of April 1815 I called upon to have witness to a will which he then delivered verbally to us which was in the following manner (To wit)

Item he gave to his brother Larkin Smith his lands

Item he gave and bequeathed all the residue of his property to his own brothers and sisters to be equally divided between them

Item it was his wish that his half brother Edwin Smith and his sister Carson Sanders to have no part of his property they having sufficient already-

The above will was delivered to us at the house of the said John McKimney Smith and in his own dwelling on the day above mentioned at which time we believe him to be in a sound and disposing mind and no undue influence used by any person whatever. April 7th 1815. Signed in the presence of us.

John Stevens Jr
 Robt Gully Jr
 Noah Nichols
 Tex Reeves

Johnston County August term 1815

Then was the above will exhibited in open court which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded

R. Sanders C. C.