

Charles Heard's will

I also have the arms of the South of Ireland Heard family: "Argent, on a chevron gules between three water bougets sable, three crescents or crest, a demi-antelope ppr., ducally gorged or, and charged on the shoulder with a water bouget as in the arms. Motto 'Audior'."

Any information given of the family will be deeply appreciated. Very sincerely, S. W. Heard.

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Heard William Heard son

Richard

~~1855. - Heard. - Answer to 222. The will of Charles Heard:~~

In the name of God amen, I, Charles Heard, of the county of Wilkes, state of Georgia, being of sound, perfect mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid, if there be any.

Item. I give to my beloved wife, Margaret Heard, my riding horse, Britton, also two boys, white, black and white face, together with the ~~inherited~~ ^{inherited} they have and are to come also my household furniture, my feather bed and bed quilts, also I give to my said wife the tract of land I live on, all at her disposal, also I lend to my said wife my negro woman named Rody, wife of a negro man, named Jingo, during her widowhood, providing the said negroes are not sold out of this state.

Item. I give to my beloved daughter, Ann Evans, the choice of all the horses at my decease.

Item. I give to my beloved son, Joseph Heard, my feather bed and bed quilts, which was before excepted.

Item. I give to my two grandchildren, Samuel Heard, James Heard, children of my son, Joseph, deceased, forty pounds to be equally divided betwixt them, when they come of age or marry.

Item. I give to my four well-beloved sons, Joe Heard, William Heard, Richard Heard and Joseph Heard, all the rest of my estate, whatever kind, to be equally divided betwixt them, that is to say, John Heard, one fourth part; Joe Heard, one fourth part, Richard Heard, one fourth part, and Joseph Heard one fourth part. I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends my son, John Heard, my son Richard Heard, and my nephew, Jesse Heard, executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fifth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety two. (Seal) Charles C. (X His mark) Heard.

Sealed and delivered in presence of Jesse Heard, Joseph Heard, John Heard, state of Georgia, Wilkes county. Personally appeared before me, Joseph Heard and John Heard, two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and, being duly sworn, said that they saw Charles Heard sign, seal, publish and declare the annexed testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory. John Heard, Joseph Heard, Jesse Heard.

Sworn to before me this 30th day of Dec. 1797. Dav. Ferrell, P. P. W. C.

This will of Charles Heard was copied from the Wilkes County records. I send it that S. H. Heard and others may know the names of some of the Heard's who have descendants in the south and west. Charles Heard was one of the seven ~~brothers~~ sons of the Earl of Tyrone and was born in Ireland. He came over with his father in 1720. If he had children by names - "Stephen, Benjamin, Armstrong, Charles M., and Polly", he did not mention them in his will. S. W. Heard has, no doubt, left out one generation, if he is from Charles Heard. It is possible that there may have been a former marriage, but, unless it is proven, it is useless for genealogical purposes. I am now trying to get the Heard genealogy in some kind of order, but I must necessarily work slowly and be very careful.

Mrs. Wall, now dead, did not attempt to set the John Heards in their places just got up the line - Her. Phipps Heards

These Heards, Stephen, Benjamin, Armstrong
Charles M. & Polly were grand children
of Charles of this mill - by his son Richard
who went to ^{Jackson} ~~Albany~~ Co. & left mill
there.