

# John Whittington's Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Whittington being weak in body considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect mind and memory. Blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following (to wit).

First - I Will that all my just debts be paid

Secondly I Bequeathe to my beloved Wife Sarah Whittington an Equal and distributive share with all my Children, of all my personal Estate, and that each child be entitled to his or her share as they severally come of age,

Thirdly I will that my beloved Wife have such portion as the Law directs of my Real Estate, allowing her all & singular the profits arising therefrom untill the youngest child comes of age for the purpose of raising them in a Curney, and after the youngest child comes of age then for the Land to be equally divided amongst the whole of them And for effecting the purposes above mentioned, I do hereby appoint my true, and loving friend & Brother Leonard Whittington and William Johnson. my Executors to his my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal. 15<sup>th</sup> August 1802,

John Whittington.

Signed Sealed published & declared by the above named John Whittington to be his last will & Testament in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the les Colod Elijah Easter Jurat. Phillip Williams Jurat

# Benjamin Ward's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Ward of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina, Being infirm in body but at the same time in my senses and of sound mind and memory blessed be God I do hereby ordain and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (to-wit)

First

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Selah Ward sixty nine Dollars of my money and all my standing & gathered bread grain, unto her own proper use and behoof forever, then I give unto my said wife Selah all my Negros during her natural lifetime and also all my household furniture & clothing & bedding and every other article & complement of husbandry and farming utensils. after which then it is my desire, that all my Negros above mentioned, named, Jack Esquire Esther Emelia & Nancy go to and I do hereby give and bequeath said negros unto my son Meademes Ward and his heirs forever, all and singular. the aforesaid Negros provided that the said Meademes Ward shall pay to my son Kelly Ward dau. Ward & my two daughters Selah Ward & Elizabeth Will four. hundred Dollars each. furthermore it is my desire and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said wife Selah all my live stock, Horses cattle sheep, Hogs & poultry of every description and also my still with all my distilling utensils belonging thereto with all my Books & other moveable & personal property of every description whatever during her lifetime after which it is my desire that all go to my son Meademes

provided he pay the aforesaid Sixteen hundred  
Dollars. & Lastly, I appoint my worthy  
son Benjamin Ward & Beclimb Ward Esqrs  
the Executors of this my last will & Testament  
In witness whereof I Benjamin Ward the  
Testator have hereunto set my hand & seal  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1820.

Signed Sealed published and  
declared in the presence of

Bident, Baird Jurak

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John <sup>1 mark</sup> Stolsclaw. Junor

Benjamin <sup>his</sup> hand & wrote

State of North Carolina

Ashe County  $\frac{2}{3}$  Aug 1820

The within will was duly proven in  
open Court by the oath of Deaunt Baird  
John Holclaw, & ordered to be  
Registered,

Phos. Colloidal C.C.C.