

Richard Saunders's Will

In the name of God Amen I Richard Saunders a citizen of the state of N. H. & County of Rock, being afflicted in body but of a sound mind & disposing person & knowing also that there is a time appointed unto all men once to die, do make & ordain constitute & declare this instrument to be my last Will & testament revoking all others.

Item

- 1 In the first place as to what property our Great Creator has blessed me with what may be on hand after my decease it is my will & desire that the same should be disposed of in the following manner, by my Executors, hereinafter named first as far as it is my will & desire that all my debts which are but few and none of magnitude may be speedily & punctually paid
- 2^d disposal It is my will & desire that my wife Lizzy Sanders shall have all my property after my debts being fully paid for her support and for the Education & raising my children and I do appoint my Son, Wm Sanders & John Elliot & my wife Lizzy Sanders executors to this my last will & testament
- 4th It is my will & desire that such portions of the property as they see proper to sell & the money with the proceeds that may arise from any interest in certain land in Pasquotank County in Eight miles of Elizabeth City that is now involved in law. put to interest and

Kept there to be divided equally to my children as they arrive at age,

5th It is my will and desire that my Executors be amply paid for their services

6th It is my will that my family should live on the lands that I hold under a lease from Jacob Persons until they can find a bettering themselves, and if they can dispense of said lease.

In Witness where of I the said Richard Persons do set my hand & seal this 1st 5th June 1857.

Attest H. Calloway

Rich^d Persons
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Joshua Fletcher Junr

North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter
Ashe County 3 Sessions July Term 1858.
The within will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Joshua Fletcher
One of the subscribing witnesses to the same & ordered to be Recorded

Test. R. B. Smith cty.