

William W. Farthings Will

In the name of God Amen, I William W. Farthing of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect memory, and sensible of the mortality of all living creatures do this 21st day of January in the year of our Lord 1827. make & ordain & publish this my last Will & Testament in the following manner. That is to say,

Item 1. My Will & desire is that my eldest son Dudley Farthing after serving with his mother year have an undisputed right to one hundred & sixty acres of land more or less lying in the County of Wake & State aforesaid known by the name of Gops' Tract.

" 2nd. I have all the balance of my property both real & personal whether land or negroes cattle horses, hogs & sheep with all household stuff & furniture in the hands of my beloved wife Polly W. Farthing for the purpose of using it to the best advantage as she may see fit & think it best during her widowhood for the joint advantage of all my children from the eldest to the youngest with this advantage to buy a farm house when ever it shall appear really necessary or needful & also to sell all such things as may be necessary to gain money or whatever may be needed for the benefit and support of her & my children without injuring the younger ones, such as wagons & other necessary utensils, And also that John Maytor & his wife (if it be their choice to continue to occupy the mill & the land thereabouts & make what support he can according to mind this contract & also that my wife allow my brother John Farthing to use what ground I agreed to let him have for no other rent besides that of doing up

the force for this year, & at the end of the year to make any such other contract as they may think proper.

Moreover my will & desire is that at the expiration of the natural life or end of widowhood in case she marry of my beloved wife Polly then all the estate to be sold or so divided that each of my children (both sons & daughters) shall have an equal share. That is to say, share & share alike & my wife Polly Farthing in case she marry & all their names as left on record in my family Bible.

And I do hereby make and ordain my beloved & worthy son Dudley Farthing the Executor of this my last will & Testament to act in connection with his mother to carry the same into effect.

In witness whereof I the said William W. Farthing have set my hand and seal to this my last will & Testament, revoking all others made by me or in my name the day & date above written

Signed & published

in presence of

Isaac A. Dyre ft

John Farthing

John ^{his} Callaway
witness

Wm W. Farthing (seal)

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter
Ashe County } Sessions Feb Term Ad. 1827

The within will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Isac A. Dyre a subscribing witness

Test.

Thos. Callaway clk
By A. Mitchell D.C.