

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God Amen

I William Parker of Bladen County in the State of North Carolina being more of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament as follows that is to say first of all I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors hoping through the merit of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have a glorious resurrection at the last day. And as touching such worldly estate as hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife the plantation whereon I now live for her to live in her life time with out any interruption there to my J. Son John Parker and 150 acres in White Oak District 100 acres on South Swamp and 50 acres on Richland Branch joining my plantation. I leave to be sold and all my stock and all my furniture. I leave to my wife during her life. My Wife Mary Parker she and all my children besides what they have already had to be equally divided among my children.

And I do appoint constitute and ordain Charles Parker Henry Parker and Samuel Smith to be my true and lawful Executors at this my last will and Testament and as others working and discharging all other Wills by me made attesting notifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have written at my hand and seal the twentieth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

thirty

Signed sealed and delivered by the said William Parker as his last will and Testament

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In the presence of us who in his presence and in presence of each other have recently subscribed our names.

James Smith
Charles Parker.

William Parker

State of North Carolina
Bladen County

This day Samuel Smith and Benjamin Smith personally appeared before me and made oath that Richard Reynolds Junr of the State and County aforesaid who in his last sickness and just before his decease though of sound mind and memory did give and bequeath his property in the manner and form following viz.

He gave to his wife Mary Reynolds one negro woman named Rose with his three children Mary Sylvia and Eliza and all his cattle horses and logs together with his household furniture to be and remain her own right and property clear of any incumbrance or division until all his children were married Also his land and plantation whereon he lived he desired should be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof to be applied in the purchase of other lands for the family to live on and the debt that was given to him for said land by John Clark as it has been committed to record should be taken in by him the said Clark and that he the said Clark should give in his own name a good and lawful deed of warranty to whoever may become the purchaser of said land and lastly his desire was that his wife Mary Reynolds should be Executor

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of his estate.

The above mentioned Richard Reynolds deceased the 24th of November 1803. And the above copy was taken and Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th of January 1804.

Dea. Richard Holmes, J. P.

Samuel Smith Sent Benjamin Smith Sent

State of North Carolina } Bladen County }

Personally appeared before me Joseph Thomas Esquire and after being duly sworn said that he was at the dwelling house of Mrs Peter Byrne on the 15th day of January one thousand eight hundred and one at which time and place Robert Maxwell Esq. lay dangerously ill and he the said Robert M. McCulloch told the said Joseph Thomas Esq. that provided he should die it was his will and desire that all the property which he had received by and from the estate of John Lock Junr. deceased should return again to the said estate from which it came and the other property which he should die possessed of it was his desire should be given to Mary Lock daughter of Peter Byrne after all his just debts first being paid as he said should he survive he intended to marry the said Mary.

Sworn to before me January 21st 1804

J. S. Purdie

John Thomas

Also personally appeared before me Thomas Lock and Thomas Byrne and said that they were present at the time and place above mentioned and Robert M. McCulloch

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told them the said Thomas and Thomas that it was his will and desire that his father's bed and furniture should be given to Mary Lock daughter of John Lock Junr. deceased and furthermore and furthermore the said Joseph Thomas Esq. Thomas Lock and Thomas Byrne said that the said Robert Maxwell M. McCulloch deposited his life the 10th instant.

Sworn to before me January 21st 1804.

John S. Purdie J. P. } Thomas Lock } Thomas Byrne }

In the Name of God "Amen"

This second day of September Eighteen hundred and four. and in the Christian year of our American Independence I Joseph Massingale of the State of North Carolina Bladen County. Having being very sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory thanks be given unto God chiefly causing unto me the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed once unto all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say.

Primarily and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First

I give and bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife all my lands messuages and tenements by her to be solely possessed and enjoyed with all my cattle pigs sheep with me made with all my household