No. 203

IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen! I, Benjamin B. Rowell of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, do make & devise this as my last will & testament. I give & bequeath to my wife, such part of my household and Kitchen furniture as may be thought necessary by my Executors for the use of herself & children also the choice of three cows & calves, with one two-years-old Steer for a Beef, and as much corn, Potatoes & Pork, as will be sufficient for one year's provision for herself and children - the residue of my perishable property, with the exception of such part as I have heretofore given away to be sold on the usual terms. I give & bequeath to my children two little negroes for their sole use & benefit & not to be divided until the youngest becomes of age - I desire that my four tracts of land of one hundred acres each on the East side of the long bay shall be sold on a credit of twelve months with full power to my Executors to make title, which title my children when they become of age shall confirm & in case of failure or refusal on their part to make a warranty title to said lands, then & in that case they are enjoined to refund the purchase money - It is my will that the plantation on which I now reside shall be sold if anything like a fair value can be got for it, leaving it discretional with my Executors to fix its value, together with the length of credit on which it shall be sold, the money arising from said sale shall be put out at interest for the benefit of my wife during her widowhood and for the maintenance of my children - Should it not be sold then I leave it for my wife to reside on during her life or widowhood, & at her death or marriage said place to go to my children. It is my will that the money arising from the sale of my perishable property with what other money that shall be coming from time to time to my estate shall go to the educating & maintenance of my children seeing that my wife gets her due & just proportion, and the residue if any shall be left after their maintenance, together with my land shall go to my children and be equally divided between them as they become of age. I appoint my brother Samuel Rowell & John Executors of this my will & testament. In witness of one whereof I have subscribed my name & affixed my seal, this the 20th day of July 1848.

Published & declared to be the last will & testament of Benjamin B. Rowell in our presence & in the presence of each other 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty eight.

B. B. Rowell (Seal)

Benjamin Rowell

State of N. Carolina, Brunswick County. } Daniel A. Fleming & James Niell

March Term, 1849. - The due execution of the last will & testament of Benj. B. Rowell was proved in open court by the oath of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be registered.

Martin Potter, C.

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No. 122.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen! Know all men, by these presents, that I, Mary Hemingway, of the County of Brunswick in the state of North Carolina, calling to mind the mortality of the flesh & that it is appointed unto all to die, do make & constitute THIS, my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, to wit:- 1st, I commend my soul to Almighty God, who gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried by the side of the grave of my former husband Joseph Hewett & my grave to be covered with brick in like manner as his was and both to be enclosed in a brick wall, the expense thereof to be paid out of the legacy hereinafter bequeathed to my nephew John Holden. Secondly, my will & desire is that my negro man Sherry and his wife Nancy, for their long & faithful services to me, be placed in the possession & under the care of my nephew John Wescoat free & exempted from the duties of a slave or servant during their natural lives. I also place in his possession my negro man Friday, and two cows & calves for their support, & at their death the said negro Friday to be the property of John Wescoat, my will is that John Wescoat comes and takes the two cows & calves before any stock is divided. Thirdly, I give & bequeath to W. W. Rourk one yoke of oxen, before any stock is divided his choice. Fourthly, my will is that my stock of cattle, hogs & sheep be equally divided half & half, out of the one half I give John Holden, Jr., his choice of one yoke of oxen and two cows & calves & the remainder of that half to be equally divided among the surviving children & wife of William Holden, decd - John Holden Sr. excepted. To the remaining half of my stock of cattle, hogs & sheep I leave to the care of Sarah Bonner during her natural life. I also leave her one half of my household & Kitchen furniture at her death the remaining property to be equally divided among her surviving children. I give to my grand nephew John Holden, Jr., my plantation known by the name of the Taylor plantation if the said John Holden shall die leaving no lawful issue the said land to belong to John the second. 7th I give to my two grand nephews, Daniel Stanland & Peter Thomas Stanland 250 acres of land lying between Joel Holden and my southern plantation known by the name of the Bingham land. Should Peter Thomas Stanland die leaving no lawful issue I give to Daniel Stanland the whole remaining also to Sarah Bonner their mother for her support during her natural life. 8th I give & bequeath to my sister Rosa [illegible] my house & lot [illegible] at her death to be [illegible]