

needed Dollars due me on account of the boy he bought of me, provided the boy is alive on the first day of February, 1828, otherwise he is exonerated from the payment of the same.

Item 5. I desire that my negro woman Jenny and all her issue may be sold when my son Lorenzo shall arrive at the age of Twenty years, and the money arising therefrom and the sale of what property I may be possessed of may be equally divided among the following children, viz: - John Almond, Coleman, Isaac, Lorenzo, Elizabeth, Leah, Rebecca, and Zephiah - Anne and Mary having already received their shares. I leave it with my executors to divide any surplus there may be between the said Anne and Mary. I wish in the first place all my just debts to be paid. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son John Almond and my friend Miles Potter, Jr. & Jno. Pounds Executors of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th day of September, 1828.

Signed, sealed, published & declared
by the Testator in presence of Edward Fitz Gerald.
State of North Carolina } December Term, 1828

Brunswick County. } The due execution of this last will and Testament of John Potter, Senr. was proved in open Court by the oath of Edw. Fitz Gerald the subscribing witness thereto & was ordered to be recorded.

Recorded in Book B. p. 203.

Nathl Potter, Clerk

Recorded agreeably to Act of Genl. Assembly, April 2nd, 1828.
Ratified Feb'y 1. 1808. Copied from Otarecord: Book B. p. 203.

No. 12.

I intended never to have made a will for two reasons - the first was because I am such a poor, imperfect creature that I was afraid I should not make it agreeable to the Will of my Heavenly Father. The second reason was that I had so little that I thought it was not worth the trouble of making a will, but upon mature consideration I thought it best to leave one, for although I have not anything worth leaving to my posterity, that I might have enough to occasion disquietude & vexation leaving a will for want of alterations and perhaps tedious & expensive litigation. I thank God for preserving me to such a good old age, with the use of all of my limbs and senses and the exercise of my reason, but above all I thank and praise Him for giving me a desire to love and serve Him & grace and power to put that desire into effect and for the many pleasing hopes that He has given me that He did accept my poor imperfect endeavours so to do. I also bless and praise the Lord for all the mercies and blessings of this life and for the hope I still have of a better, and humbly pray God that when my soul leaves my body that He will receive it into that rest that remaineth for the people of God. Now as to what worldly estate or property the Lord has been pleased to bestow upon me I dispose thereof as follows. First, I desire that my debts may be paid as soon as possible and as I shall direct hereafter. Second, I give to Mrs. Howe, my wife, all the property she had at the time of our marriage and that her mother left her, negroes, stock &c. &c. and all she has acquired since to her and her heirs forever, and should have given her all I had of any value if I did not owe any debts and she really was in need of it. Third, I give and devise to my friend and brother the Rev. Mr. Samuel Hartsung, Sr., all the lands belonging to me at my decease in the State of Tennessee & everywhere else to him & his heirs & assigns forever. I also give him all my claims, notes and dishes and his choice of my mahogany bedstead, as a token of my affection for, and gratitude to him for the disposition he has always appeared to have to please me, and the cheerful and willing manner he has ever served me, & having great confidence in the honesty & integrity of the said brother Samuel Hartsung I do hereby make, constitute & ordain him my sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament and I. R. Howe, the Testator, do most solemnly & humbly request and desire my Executors to use all his efforts and use the art, skill & industry that the brain of a lawyer can invent and the brain of the law afford to enforce payment of me the money or monies that may be due or owing to me by any person or persons whatsoever.

after my decease, and sell also all my household and kitchen furniture of every sort whatever when I leave and all that I left in Wilmington, either at public or private sale as he may think best to enhance the value thereof, or facilitate the payment of my debts. Fourth, after my debts are paid I give fifty dollars for the finishing or repairing of the Methodist Meeting House in Smithville. Fifth, I give to brother Arthur Howe my watch & fifty dollars as soon as it can be paid, as a mark of my love for him. I give my gun and such of my clothes (if any) that brother Samuel Haukins' son Samuel may think worth his acceptance and then I give to his boy Eliah that is with me. I give to the servants with me, Mary Ann & her three children, Nick, Judy & Betty five dollars each for the regard I have for them and for their good attachment to and fidelity to me. After the payment of my debts and the above named legacies, I give all the money, goods & chattels and all property of every sort whatever that may remain to the Executor of this my Will for the trouble & expense they may be in executing the same. And now I pray God that if this will is contrary to His that He will pardon me, and supersede it, but if agreeable to His that He will send His blessing upon it, and give his assistance in the right and speedy execution of it. In witness whereof I have said R. Howe, have written my last Will and Testament at my hand and seal this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord, 1822.

Witness: A. M. Boston, John Kibbe, John Watson Jr. R. Howe, Exec
I hereby ordain & appoint also brother John Kibbe with brother Samuel Haukins, as an Executor to this my last Will. 30th April, 1823. R. Howe
I also give and bequeath to Mrs. Sarah Haukins her choice of my money, to be added to my Will dated 30th Oct. 1822. First, I give & devise to my beloved brother, Edward Fitz Gerald, Esq. my part of a lot in Smithville with all the buildings and everything thereunto appertaining. The above House & Lot &c. is the same that was belonging to John Kibbe, Esq. and sold by him to Mrs. Mary Richards. Let the said Edward Fitz Gerald paying a debt I owe to the carpentership of McLean & Mc Laurin now in suit. R. Howe Exec

Witnesses: W. Kea, Barnabas Merrill -
State of North Carolina, } Court of Pleas & Law for Brunswick
Brunswick County, } December Term, 1829. The due
execution of this Will was proved in open court by the
oath of John Watson, Esq. & Barnabas Merrill and ordered
to be recorded. Recorded in Book B. p. 440. Nathl. Potter, Sec.

Recorded & agreed to as an act of said County, April Session, 1828.
Attest July 1st 1828. Copied from Old Record Book B. p. 440.

No. 258 THIS my last will and testament - Know all men by these presents that I, Samuel Vines do give and bequeath to an old of my wife and my son Thomas Vines the land on which I now live. I also bequeath, I give and bequeath unto my sons Thomas and William Vines all of my household and kitchen furniture, plantation and carpenters tools, all my Ratified July 1st 1828 hog and sheep equally to each. My daughter Hannah Roberts copied from has had her share of my estate this 27th day of August, 1829.
Attest: Nathl. Potter, Sec. John Thompson
Old Record Book B. p. 6 - Thomas Vines, Executor.
March Term, 1830.
The due execution of this will was proved in open court by the oath of William A. Robbins and was ordered to be registered. Recorded in Book B. p. 6.
Nathl. Potter, Sec.

THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

No. 73

of Hannah Green of North Carolina, Brunswick County considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, blessed be almighty God for the same do make & publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say. 1st. I appoint my brother Thomas Blackwell, & my friend William Wilson of New Hanover County, Executor to this my last Will & Testament. I will that Lucy and all of her children, with Sarah shall be sold as soon as possible to pay the debts of the estate of my said husband Joseph Green & that my Executors shall as soon as possible call the debts due said estate & settle all the demands against the estate & should there not be funds sufficient after the selling of said negro & collecting in of all the debts due said estate I wish my Executors to sell such property as they shall think proper to be applied to said purpose. Item 3rd. I give to my son Gamaliel H. Green one dining table, one bedstead, bed & furniture. 4th Item I give to my son Richard W. Green one set of brass fast table one bedstead, bed and furniture. 5th Item - I give to my daughter Mary B. Green, my wood table, one bedstead, bed & furniture. 6th Item - I give to my daughter Elizabeth Green, one set of drawers, one bedstead, bed & furniture. 7th Item - Mary B. Elizabeth Green my horse and chair. 8th - I will that all the money due me from my sister Elizabeth Green with that arising from the sale of my stock shall be kept & interest for the sole benefit of my two younger children, David W. & Benjamin H. Green. 9th - I wish that my daughter Mary B. & Elizabeth shall be left to the maternal care of my sister Elizabeth Green and I do hereby revoke all other wills.