

No. 145

North Carolina, s.s. In the Name of God, Amen!

I, William Keith, Senior, of the State of North Carolina, County of Brunswick, Planter, being of sound disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following: that is to say, I give and commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I commend to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, in superimis, I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my eldest son William Keith a piece of land from Godfrey's line down the Creek of Livingston to the mouth of the first branch below where the said Keith now lives. Item, I give and bequeath unto James, Jonah, and George Keith, my sons, all my lands on Livingston, excepting the seventy five acres and down as far as the said Creek, to be equally divided when either of them shall come to the age of twenty one. Item, I leave and will that a tract of two hundred acres of land on Linches Creek be sold for the use and benefit of supporting my youngest child.

Item, I give and bequeath unto the issue of the body of my daughter Ferraby what cattle that's in her mark; Item, I give and bequeath unto the issue of the body of my daughter Lucy, Keith wife of William Keith all the cattle that's in her mark; Item, I give and bequeath unto Margaret Keith, my daughter, the issue of her body all the cattle that's in her mark; Item, I give and bequeath unto the issue of the body of my daughter, Isabella Keith, all the cattle that's in her mark; Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Martha Keith, all the furniture and residue of my estate during her life, then after her decease then for the said remainder of said land to be equally divided between my three youngest daughters; Item, I give and bequeath also to my loving wife Martha Keith, the plantation that I now live on containing seventy five acres and down to the said Creek, and as much timber to work during her life, then in case the said Martha should get married and don't wish to live on the said plantation, then it shall be given up to be divided between James, Jonah, and George Keith, my sons; and lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my loving wife Executrix and William Keith & James Keith my sons, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all or any manner of Former Will or Wills by me heretofore made or done.

In witness whereof I have at my hand and seal this eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

William Keith

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above William Keith, that he last Will and testament in the presence of us each of us who are named and subscribed our names and witnesses thereto.

John Jones

State of North Carolina, } Court of Chas & Sessions, } The due execution
Brunswick County, } October Term, 1810. } of this last Will &
Testament of William Keith was proved in open Court by the oath of William Jones, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & was ordered to be recorded.
Recorded in book pages 40 & 41 - John Julius Gause, Clerk.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of the Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908.
Ratified Feb'y, 1st., 1908. Copied from Old Records. Book A. 11, p. 40 & 41.

In the Name of God. I, Alfred Moore Senior, of the County of Brunswick, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: to wit: - in superimis, I devise to my son Alfred Moore in fee simple, the whole of my land, composing or appertaining to my plantation called Springfield, where my son Maurice at present resides, and all the lands which I own adjoining the same, also I devise in like manner to my son Alfred in fee simple, all my lands at Deep Water Point, part of the land contained in the foregoing devise to my son Alfred, one situated in the County of New Hanover, the rest in the County of Brunswick. This devise in fee simple to my son Alfred, of all the above mentioned lands is made in special trust and confidence, never the less, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned. To wit, that my said son Alfred will permit and allow his brother Maurice Moore to have, enjoy and receive, all the profits that may be derived from the actual cultivation by himself the said Maurice of the said lands, the rent thereof, or the use of the timber thereon growing - These profits are not to be applied to the purpose of paying any debt that my said son Maurice now owes or may hereafter owe, but solely and distinct, to his maintenance and that of his family. My object here is only plain, and I conscientiously believe a very proper one, it is to make a certain and permanent provision for the comfortable support of my child and his family out of property which I have honestly earned by my labor. If therefore any person under any pretence whatsoever, shall attempt to get into possession of the lands herein before mentioned, and prevent the purpose for which this trust has been declared, I require of, and command my son Alfred immediately to enter on the said lands, claiming them in fee simple according to the true intent and meaning of this devise. Further it is my will that after my said son Alfred shall have taken possession of the said lands as aforesaid, that he pay back the rent and other use of the said lands, to my said son Maurice, as well as