

August County Court 1831

and Joseph both being heretofore sufficiently provided for out of my estate. I hereby constitute my eldest son James Gudgeon and my second son William Gudgeon my executors to this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of

The word of (Mary Bash) interlined in the 12th line on the second page before signed. Done this 19th day of October A.D. 1831.

in the presence of
Test Thos. Loro

William Gudgeon (Seal)

May 13th 1831. This day William Gudgeon son
acknowledged the signing and sealing this
Will in my presence Joseph Henry.

Was duly sworn in open court by the Oaths of Thomas Loro & Joseph Henry subscribing witnesses thereto and recorded

William Gudgeon one of the Executors thereof came into open court and was duly sworn as such.

The Last Will and Testament of Paul Gilbert. Vice
Shes of North Carolina Buncombe County this is to certify that I Paul Gilbert
of the State aforesaid being in a low state of health but in my sane mind
do make my will as follows that is to say I give my beloved wife
Rebecca Gilbert all my household goods that is to say & all belongs to the
house long as she lives & further I give my said wife full privilege of
living in the house and on the Land for her life time and I do give
my said wife one mare and one cow & calf for her life time & further
my will that all the ballance of my stock & waggon & gears & farming
tools be sold at twelve months credit & further my will is that my
beloved wife Rebecca Gilbert is to have a reasonable support out of my
estate and at her death all my estate that remains to be sold & an equal
division made of the same to all my children that is to say my beloved
son George Gilbert, & Benjamin Gilbert, & James Gilbert, and Nancy
Littlefield, and Emma Linton, & Mary Taylor, & Joseph Gilbert, & Jonathan
Gilbert, & Reuben Gilbert, & Melly Bishop, & Rebecca Brown & further I do
appoint my beloved son Benjamin Gilbert & G. M. Bailey my
Executors to execute this my Will & further I request my Executors
to in the first place to pay all my just debts & I request my
beloved son Benjamin Gilbert that he would in his mother
that she may have a reasonable support & do to the renting or
letting my lands so that it may be managed to the best
advantage I do acknowledge my self to be satisfied
with the above & do acknowledge it to be my will

August 1833.

This 24th day April 1833.

N.B. I do give my wife and bed
to as her own to do with as she thinks
proper
Test Wm Spaww
Carroll's Spanio.

James H. Fort
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Was duly proven in open Court by the Oath of William Spaww a subscribing
witness thereto and recorded. Benjamin Elliott one of the Clerks there in name
came in to open Court and was duly sworn as such.

January 1834

The last will and Testament of Rachel Hawkins
In the name of God Amen I Rachel Hawkins widow of Robert Hawkins Dead
of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body
though of sound and perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of human
nature and knowing that all the living must die being desirous to settle and dis-
pose of my worldly treasure which I may be possessed of my death do make ordain and
constitute this my last will and testament First I give my soul to almighty God who
gave it and my body to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Ex-
ecutor And as to the worldly substance with which God hath been pleased to bless me I
give and bequeath in the following manner Whereas my beloved friend Jacob Martin
of the County of Buncombe promises and agrees in case of my decease to adopt my three
children James Marcum, Harriet Jane and Robert into his family and raise and
school them in a decent manner I give and bequeath my Estate or property consist-
ing of five head of Cattle one mare three head of sheep and seven head of hogs and
all my other property or interest except my two beds and household furniture I
direct to be kept by my said Friend Jacob Martin untill my daughter Harriet
Jane shall arrive to the years of discretion in law and then to be delivered over
to her for her use and enjoyment I direct that my worthy friend Jacob Martin
shall have all debts due and owing to me the better to enable him so to raise
and school my said three children as before mutually agreed to and directed
and do further give and bequeath to my said friend Jacob Martin all and every
interest which may be coming to me either real or personal for the purpose
before mentioned I hereby constitute my said friend Jacob Martin my
sole Executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of August 1833

Attest James Gudgeon

Executor qualified 7th of January
1834 in open Court

Rachel ^{pro} Hawkins
mark

N. Carolina, January Session 1834 The foregoing will was duly proven in open
Buncombe County Court by the oath of James Gudgeon a subscribing witness thereto and
ordered to be recorded Buncombe Co. NC Wills 1831 to 1868
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