

Will Gcket July Term 1850

The last Will and Testament of John W. Gentry.

State of North Carolina Buncombe County.

I, John W. Gentry of the county and State aforesaid viewing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and to avoid the many difficulties which arise from the neglect of men not preparing in health for difficulties after death, to their families in the distribution of their worldly affairs or substance, & believing it to be my duty in as much as I am sorely afflicted in body, but of sound & disposing mind and memory, (thanks be to God) On this the Second day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty nine, make and deliver this to be my last Will & Testament in the following manner.

(VS)

I bequeath my soul to God who gave it being, and my Body to the Dust to be interred in the burial Ground on the Hill near the old Gentry homestead, (where my Father and Mother was buried) in a plain and decent manner. It is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid first out of my Estate. It is further my Will and Desire that my beloved Wife Sarah Gentry shall keep and enjoy all my Estate both personal & real And as to my personal property to dispose of as she chooses. But to have free privileges on the Land during her natural life. It is further my Will (after the death of my Wife) that my son John W. Gentry have all my Land (two hundred & twenty five acres in all) to have as his own and to dispose of as he chooses. It is my Will after the death of my Wife that all the personal property shall be Equally divided between my son John W. Gentry & my Daughters Lucy Buckner wife of James Buckner & Elizabeth Buckner wife of Hester Buckner and as to my son William Gentry I leave to him a certain Brown Mare which he has already in possession. It is my Will & desire that my Executors hereafter mentioned shall carry out my desires according to my Will & divide my property & Estates accordingly. It is my Will and I wish it distinctly understood that after the death of my Wife I want my son John W. Gentry to have all my Land as aforesaid and the personal property to be disposed of as above directed. It further my Will & desire that my Children be kind & obliging to their Mother during her lifetime and endeavour to be friendly towards each other & all other persons in this world & above all prepare to meet each other in Heaven which is my last and greatest desire. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son and sons in law my Executors (namely John W. Gentry James Buckner and Hester Buckner) and I wish them to execute the same according to my Will & Testament whereof I have hereunto signed sealed and published this to be my last Will and Testament.

John W. Gentry (Seal)

In presence

W. Blackstone Smith
Shue Roberts (Jurat)

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Sessions, July Term 1850
Buncombe County

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of R. B. Blackstone & Shue Roberts Jurats & is recorded