

August Session 1833.

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Be it remembered that at a court of pleas and quarter sessions
open and held for the county of Buncombe at the Court house
in Asheville on the 4th Monday in August 1833. The following Wills
were duly proved & recorded.

The last will & Testament of William Gudge.

Wig. In the name of God Amen. I William Gudge Son of the County
of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of sound and
perfect memory do make ordain and constitute this my last will
& Testament.

First I give and recommend my Soul to Almighty God that
gave it And my body to be buried in a decent Christian
Burial at the discretion of my Executor herein after constituted.

And as to such worldly substance which a Merciful
God hath been pleased to bless me with I give and bequeath
in the following manner.

I give and bequeath to my Loving wife Martha the upper end
of the plantation on which I now live so far down as to include
my dwelling house and the gum Spring below the house and
the Apple Orchard in the bottom during her Natural life
after her decease to be divided among my Daughters and
my eldest son James Gudge and including the heirs of my
Daughter Mary Gash dec'd except her eldest son Joseph
whom I have heretofore provided for. The said children or heirs
last mentioned it receive jointly to have an sixth part of my
Estate not heretofore or at this time disposed of by Bill of Sale or
otherwise than by this will.

I give and bequeath to my wife all my household furniture, cow horses
and two cows, her choice of my stock also all the money and money
notes which she may own at my decease which last property I
best in her an absolute right to be disposed of as she may
think proper. Having heretofore or otherwise provided certain of my
Negroes for her use during her Natural life.

The Balance of my Estate either Real or personal I direct
to be sold and the Value to be divided between my Daughters
namely Mary Longmire wife of John Longmire Nancy Gash
wife of John Gash and the heirs of Mary Gash dec'd except
excepted as heretofore. Said heirs of Mary Gash jointly and
an equal share or sixth part and James Gudge Sally
Whitson wife of Joseph Whitson, Elizabeth Whitson wife
of Thomas Whitson, each an equal share or sixth
part share and share alike the heirs of Mary Gash excepted
excepted to receive an sixth part my son William

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and Draft both being heretofore sufficiently provided for out of my Estate. I hereby constitute my eldest son James Gidger and my second son William Gidger 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 Gask) interlined in the 12th line on the second page before signed. Done this 19th day of October A.D. 1831.

in the presence of
Jest M^r Looe

William Gidger Seal

May 18th 1831. This day William Gidger do:
Acknowledged the signing and sealing this
Will in my presence Joseph Honey.

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

William Gidger one of the Executors thereof appeared in open court and was duly sworn as such.

The Last Will and Testament of Paul Gilbert. Vice
Sher 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 right 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 possession 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 balance 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 Annina Sexton, & 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 & as 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