

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Sessions
County of Gaston } February Term 1842

The execution of the foregoing will is proved in open Court by the oath of Hatabick Russell one of the subscribers who swears that the testator at the time of executing said will was of sound and disposing mind & memory and that he did it freely and without compulsion. It is ordered that the will be recorded.

Whereupon Eliza Taylor and Benjamin F. Taylor executors therein named, qualified as such, and it is ordered that the Letters testamentary issue accordingly.
Jas. Rumley C. C.

In the name of god Amen I David W. Pigot of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and establish this my last will and testament in the following manner I give unto my wife Eliza a negro man named Frank a negro boy named York a negro woman named Zini one negro woman named Crisp one negro girl named Harriet one negro girl named Patience one negro girl named Polly and all of their increase to her her heirs and assigns forever

I also give unto my wife one negro man Jerry one negro man named Peter One negro boy named Baps One named Louis One negro woman Polly the negro girl Betsey during her natural life then to be disposed of as I shall hereafter mention. I then give unto my wife Eliza all of my notes money and accounts and whatsoever of property that I do not hereafter mention to her heirs and assigns forever. I then give unto my wife Eliza my house and plantation which I now live including all of the land that my father gave me in his last will with all of the improvements thereon during her natural life. I then give unto my sister Mary my share of a negro boy Sampson that was sold for a division also my share of a negro girl Alice that was sold for a division for the benefit of father's heirs to her her heirs and assigns forever. I do hereby appoint my wife Eliza my lawful heir and my executor This February 15th. 1842 Signed sealed and published as my will in the presence of

Benjamin C. Smith
Mary M. Weeks

David W. Pigot

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Sessions
 Carteret County - } November Term A.D. 1880

The execution of the within last will and testament of David W. Pigott deceased is proved in open Court by the oaths of Benjamin C. Smith and Nancy M. Ward the subscribing witnesses thereto, who say that the said David W. Pigott, at the time of executing said will, was of sound disposing mind and memory, and that he did it freely and without compulsion.

It is ordered that said will be read.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

In the name of God Amen, I John H. Gaskill this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, being of sound and disposing mind and memory (praised be God for the same) and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my will and testament.

Imprimis, Being lawfully possessed of a negro man by the name of Aaron, who having faithfully performed all the services and trusts reposed in him past thirty years in my esteem, I am desirous of so disposing of him the said Aaron as not to be subject to any sale either private or public, for the debts and responsibilities of those who have used and benefited him is intended. And in order to accomplish the above, I hereby love and affection give and bequeath the said Aaron to James W. Gaskill and his

to have and to hold him as trustee to the use and benefit of my brothers during their lifetime, namely, E. W. Gaskill, V. W. Gaskill, P. H. Gaskill and James W. Gaskill and afterwards to their children and their heirs. And it is my will and desire that said James W. Gaskill shall have all power over the said Aaron except that of either selling or removing him from the state of North Carolina for any purpose whatsoever, and furthermore that said James W. Gaskill shall render an yearly account of the profits of his labor to the above named devisees.

Secondly, being possessed of a watch I desire that my executor shall deliver the same to my nephew John Gaskill.

Thirdly, having one flat boat in my possession and also having an undivided share of land in common with my brothers belonging to the estate of James Gaskill deceased I desire that the boat and lands shall be appropriated to the payment of my debts and after all my lawful debts shall have been liquidated I give and bequeath the remainder to my brothers named above, for their lives, and remainder to their children.

Fourthly and lastly, It is my will and desire that James W. Gaskill shall administer upon my estate and I hereby appoint him my executor. Witness our hands and seals

John A. Gaskill (Sd)

Alexander Mason
 John F. Jones