

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Sessions
 Carteret County - } November Term A.D. 1850

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 last 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 last 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 (C. C.)

Alexander Mason
 John F. Jones

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The execution of the foregoing will was in open Court by the oath of John B. [unclear] one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swears that the testator, at the time of executing said will, was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that he did it freely and without compulsion. It is ordered that said will be recorded. Whereupon said James W. Baskill, Clerk of said Court, did thereunto accordingly.

James Baskill Clerk

In the name of God amen. I William Willis of the County of Carteret, State of North Carolina, being very sick but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain This my last will and testament, that is to say, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and forms, First, I give and bequeath to, Sally my dearly loved wife the house and forty nine acres of land where I now live during her natural life, then to my son Josephus forever, I also give to my wife Sally all of my cattle and hogs during her natural life, at her death if any to my heirs at law, I also give my wife Sally one bed, bed steed during her life then to my grand son James Guthrie, I also give my granddaughter Julyann Guthrie one bed which is at John Brooks.

I also give my granddaughter Polly Stether one bed, I also give Harrison Lewis one acre of land where his house now stands. I also give my grand son James Guthrie my site of land at the head of the Cuttingsedge, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty sixth Day of July one thousand Eight hundred and fifty four.

Signed, sealed, published pronounced and declared by the said

William Willis as his. William ^{his} Willis
 last will and testament in the presence of ^{mark}
 who in his presence and in the presence