

I give my land that I own up the North River and in the piney woods, to my five children equally divided between them, share and share alike.

I give to my apprentice boy James Dudley, two stags and one cow to be delivered agreeable to the satisfaction of my beloved wife.

Now I give all of my personal estate to my beloved wife Sarah for her to have and to hold and to divide amongst her children as she may see cause. I also empower her to collect in my debts and to pay claims that may come, and if there is any part of my personal estate that is not divided at the decease of my beloved wife, it shall be equally divided between my five children.

And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Sarah executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Asa Gillikin have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year before written.

Asa Gillikin (Test)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Asa Gillikin, the testator, as his last will and testament, in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Benjamin Staten

William P. Marshall

Carleton County Court, August Term 1866

The foregoing will of Asa Gillikin deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court, and the due execution thereof by the said Asa Gillikin is proved by the oath and examination of Benjamin Staten, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Jas. Rumley C.C.

I, Stephen F. Small, of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: that is to say: First, that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body, a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary P. Small, all of my estate real and personal, that may remain, after my just debts are paid, during her widowhood or natural life time. If she should marry again at the of her marriage should it be the case my will and desire is that my executor hereinafter named, will then take charge of my estate in full, and dispose of it in the manner following, viz: my wife Mary P. Small to have an equal child's part to be hers which I give in lieu of her dower and third of and in all my real estate and the remainder equally divided among my children, viz: Mary Sarah Charity Ann and Joseph S. Small I want an equal division among all my children and I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend D. W. Morton, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made my will and request is that my executor above named will appoint a suitable guardian for my children whenever it may be deemed necessary. In witness whereof I the said Stephen F.

Small have hereunto set my hands and seal the ninth day of June. A. D. 1866.

Stephen F. Small

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Stephen F. Small to be his last will and testament in presence of us who, at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. Witnesses

Walter Dickinson
William H. Conner

Carters County Court, August Term 1866

The foregoing will is exhibited for probate in open Court, and the execution thereof, by Stephen F. Small, is proved by the oath and examination of William H. Conner, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

David W. Morton, the executor named in the will, qualifies as such. See minutes.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

I, Josiah Willis of the County of Carters and State of North Carolina, being weak and infirm of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:—

First. That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the rank of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just, however and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved daughter Mary Jane one negro girl slave named Emma

aged ten years or thereabouts, together with her increase, also two hundred dollars in money to be paid by my executor out of any moneys that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. The foregoing bequest is made in consideration of the devoted attention that she has shown to me in my declining years & through my great infirmities and afflictions, and is intended as an extra compensation over and above her equal distributive share in the residue of my estate: provided nevertheless that she remain with me as long as I live, & do by me as she has done heretofore—otherwise she is not to have the two hundred dollars in money.

Item. All the residue of my estate, both real and personal, of every kind and description, I give and devise among all my children as follows, to wit:

Item. To my son Stephen F. Willis one share or one sixth part.

Item. To the legal representatives of my daughter Sally Ann Pittford one share or one sixth part.

Item. I lend to my daughter Maria F. Fashill one share or one sixth part, to be used at her discretion during her natural life, and at her death I give and bequeath the said share or sixth part, or so much as may remain thereof, to the children of my said daughter Maria F. to be equally divided among them to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I lend to my daughter Charlotte E. Harber one share or sixth part, to be used at her discretion during her natural life, and at her death I give and bequeath the said share or sixth part, or so much as may remain thereof, to her child or children to him or them and their heirs forever.

Item. To my son Joseph F. Willis one share or one sixth part.

Item. To my daughter Mary Jane Willis one share or one sixth part.