

I Thomas Snipes of the County of Chatham & State of N. Carolina being old and infirm but of disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. I give to my wife Martha the feather bed, steds & furniture whereon we have been accustomed to ly, my Walnut chest and such table furniture as she may wish to take and One Hundred dollars in money. And whereas my said wife is old and infirm and incapable of attending to business, my will & desire is that she should live with some of her children which ever she may choose and have a comfortable support out of my estate, sufficient to compensate those with whom she may live for any trouble & expense they may be at on her account. & I do enjoin it on my Execution to pay particular attention to this desire. I give to my son R. Franklin the land and plantation whereon Snow lies lying between the lines of the tract of Land whereon said Franklin now lives & formerly laid off to my son Wesley & the lines of the land I gave to my son Sidney. likewise One hundred and ten Acres of land lying on Callings Mountain on the West side of the land belonging to John Strouds and bounded as described in the Deed which I obtained for the same, to him & his heirs forever -

I give to my grand daughter Nancy Snipes Bless Five Hundred Dollars to her and her heirs forever. I leave my Threshing Machine & Wheat Fan for the use of those of my children that may think proper to use them. Whereas my desire is that my negroes may not be too remotely situated I dispose of them as follows. My will is that all the Negroes that I may have at my death be valued by three disinterested judicious Men at a price they would sell for on a credit of twelve Months & then to be lotted off to my six children, namely Edwin P. Snipes, Charles Snipes, Wm Sydney Snipes, R. Franklin Snipes and my daughter Polly W. Edwards & Martha W. Stroud, subject however to the proviso in the bequest

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quest to the other children. As those of my children that
are to share in the negroes are all of age, they can af-
ter being valued divide them to suit themselves. All
my perishable Estate I leave to be sold also my tract of
land on which my son Fraastlin now lives, also my
tract of land lying in the South West corner of Chatham
County on Cedar Creek, estimated at two Hundred
thirty acres, likewise my tract of land in the State of
North Carolina on Sparrow Swamp, Washington District,
containing two Hundred acres. And out of the proceeds
of such sale, I give to my son Britton Leake five
Hundred Dollars, likewise I give to the children of my
deceased daughter Anne Sanford five Hundred
Dollars to be equally divided amongst them.

The balance of the Amd. of sale, debts due me, and
money on hand if any, to be divided into three parts
one third part I give to my son Britton, one third
part to my daughter Elizabeth Leake, and one
third part to the children of my deceased daughter Anne
Sanford, to be equally divided amongst them. Pro-
vided nevertheless, that if the proceeds of the sale should
not be sufficient to make the three last Legacies equal
to those who are to have the negroes, that then & in that
case, they who are to take the negroes, are to make
them up equal; this is in accordance with my intention
to equalize the distribution of my property amongst my
children, having heretofore advanced to my daughter
Elizabeth Leake the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

In consideration of her many particular and kind attention to
myself and my wife in our old age, I give to Betsey Foster
our Horn Keeper, the feather Bed, staid & furniture on which
she has been used to lie, the side saddle & bridle with which
she commonly rides, and a comb and calf, and if she should
continue to live with us till my decease, in addition to
the above I give her One Hundred Dollars in
money to her and her heirs forever. I appoint
my son, Edwin, likewise, & if either of them should fail to act, I appoint my son Fraastlin
to act. Written with my own hand & signed this ninth

day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty
two and in the eighty third year of my age. Thanks
to my Redeemer & Preserver in whom I believe, & through
merits I hope to obtain life everlasting - Amen & Amen

(Thos. Snipes Seal)

I hereby nominate and appoint my son William H. Snipes
of Henrico to take charge of the Legacy that will
be going from my Estate to the children of my daughter
Anna Snipes and to pay it over to them at their
arrives at age or marry this is a part of my will
December 25th 1843 -

Thomas Snipes Seal

Test

James J. Edwards,

I nominate bloodson Lee, Wm. Morris & Wilson Attorneys
to value my negroes as set forth and expressed
in my will

Thomas Snipes -

Chatham County May Session 1844

~~The foregoing last will & Testament of Thomas Snipes
has been proved in open Court by the oath of three com-
petent witnesses all subscribed with the hand writing of
the said Testator Thomas Snipes. that the whole body
himself as well as the signatures thereto.~~

Chatham County May Session 1844

This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament
of Thomas Snipes deceased being propounded in open Court
for probate by Edwin Snipes the Executor therein
named & it being proved to the satisfaction of the Court
that by three competent witnesses that they are well
acquainted with the hand writing of the deceased & that
the said Thomas Snipes & that the whole body, signed with
his own hand as the signature thereto is all in the own proper hand
writing of the said Testator and it further appearing to the
satisfaction of the Court that the said last will & Testament was
found among the valuable papers of the deceased. It is therefore
ordered by the Court that said last will & Testament be admitted to
probate & that the Executor or Executors therein named be permitted
to qualify them to & Edmund Brown Snipes one of the Executors therein
named appeared in open Court & was qualified

John Nathman Clerk

In the name of God Amen I, William S. Garner of
the County of Chatham State of North Carolina being weak
of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed
be God do this the fourteenth day of November in the year
of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & forty Three
(make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner
following that is to say - My will is that all of my just debts
and funeral expenses be paid first my will is after my
death my living children all shall have one dollar apiece
to them & their heirs forever & my will is that I should unto my
beloved wife Mary Garner the land whereon I live &
all of my stock of all kinds household & kitchen furniture
and all other contents to her her natural life time and
at her death for the above property to be sold and equally
divided between my surviving children Thomas Garner
excepted - I hereby make and ordain my worthy son
Edmond Garner & Edmund Garner Executors of this my
last will & Testament as selling all other debts by one made
in writing whereof I the said Wm. S. Garner to this my
last will & Testament set my hand & seal the day
of date above written signed sealed published &
declared by the said Wm. S. Garner testator as a his
last will & Testament in presence of us who were pre-
sent at the time signing sealing hereof

Test

Joshua Williams

C. P. Stone (Seal)

Wm. S. Garner Seal

Chatham County May Session 1844
This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament
of Wm. S. Garner deceased was proved in open Court by the
oath of C. P. Stone & subscribing witnesses that the
Executor therein named being a party of another estate &
not being present to qualify. On motion Mary Garner
the widow was appointed administratrix with the
said will annexed who entered into bond in the sum
of \$200. with Mary Garner & C. P. Stone as her
security & was qualified

John Nathman Clerk