

I John C. D. Gill of the County of Franklin 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 relations, friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, Out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item, I leave to my beloved Wife Matilda M. Gill the Tract of Land on which I now reside, together with all the residue of estate of every description, not hereinafter disposed of during the term of her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among all my children, share and share alike.

Item, I leave to my daughter Eliza D. ~~Gill~~ Little wife of Joseph D. Little one negro woman named Almada and her child Louisa during the term of her natural life, and at her death the negroes and their increase to be equally divided among her children, share and share alike.

Item, I leave to my daughter Caroline M. Gill one negro woman named Cissy & her child Lavinia during the term of her natural life, and at her death the negroes & their increase to be equally divided among her children. Should she have any share & share alike, but should she die without issue then the negroes & their increase revert back and be equally divided among the rest of my children.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son John D. Gill one negro boy named Lewis to him and his personal representatives, forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son William D. Gill one negro boy by the name of Joe to him and his personal representatives, forever, to be delivered to him by my Executor when he arrives at the age of Twenty-one years
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Item I give to my son Benjamin I Gill one negro
boy by the name of Sam to him and his personal representa-
tives, to be delivered to him by my Executor on his arrival
at the age of Twenty-one years

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
trusty friend Nicholas D Chapman 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 & testaments
by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said John
B. Gill do hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of
July Anno Domini 1843.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the said John B. Gill to be his last
Will and testament in the presence of
us, who at his request, and in his presence
do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

John B. Gill

Wm. H. Strother

Robert T. C. Young Secy Dec 6 1843

State of Arkansas } Court of Sessions of Quarter
Franklin County } Sep 2nd 1843