

In the name of god amen I William Freeman of
Franklin County and State of North Carolina being made
in body but of sound mind and memory calling to
mind that it is appointed for all men on this day
now make constitute and ordain this my last will
and testament in manner and form following that
is to say I surrender my soul in the hands of almighty
god who gave it my body to its mother dust from whence
it came to be buried in a plain desert humankind
like manner at the direction of my executors
and as for the good things of this world with which
it has been pleased god to bless me I shall dispose off
in the manner and form following that is to say
I give and bequeath to my daughter Dilley Richards one neg-
ro girl name Suck to her and her heirs forever in lieu of her
proportion of my land

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Richards
one negro girl name Lacey to her and her heirs forever
in lieu and in stead of her proportion of my land
And it is my wish will and desire that the whole of my
land containing 543 acres be equally and impartially
divided between my three sons Robert Freeman William
Freeman and Eaton Freeman in the following manner
first to be layd out in three lots of equal size then to be
valued by three or more good men of the neighbour hood
then my three sons draw for choice the inferior lots to be
made equal out of the other property that is to say the
superior lots to make the inferior equal

Now I lend to my cousin Sealy Freeman one feather
bed and furniture during her natural life then at her
decease to be sold and divided between all my children
It is further my wish and desire that all the
Real and Personal of my property of all kinds that
be sold at the decease of my executor and the net
proceeds there off to be equally and impartially
divided between all my children male and fe-
male that is to say Robert Freeman William Freeman
Eaton Freeman Delila Richards and Mary Richards
It is further my desire that my children should become
the purchasers of my negroes if consistent with their will
Now for the faithful execution of this my last will
and testament I constitute and appoint my
trustworthy friends ~~James Strother and Robert~~
~~Joseph Young~~ my right lawful executors
Attest with my hand & seal this 14th November 1821

Joseph Young Junr.

Thomas A. Wendell Junr.

James Strother

Also agreeable to my request I have selected
James Ferrell & Joseph Young Sr. as friends
to divide Clarrie Kinn Jacob Isaac & Green
between my five children say Robert Freeman
William Freeman Sr. Eaton Freeman Delila
Richards & Mary Richards This 21st Sept. 1824

Robert Freeman drewed Clarrie valued at
one hundred & fifty dollars

William Freeman Sr. drewed Jacob vald at
one hundred & forty dollars

Eaton Freeman drewed Kinn vald at
one hundred & fifty dollars

Delila Richards drewed Isaac vald at
one hundred & twenty dollars

Mary Richards drewed Green vald at
one hundred & twenty dollars

of which I have given unto my five children given
under my hand & seal this the day & date above mentioned
at last
Joseph Young Sr. William [Signature] mark

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Franklin County - December 1820
I certify that the execution of the
Laying Well was duly proven in open Court
by the father, J. J. Jones & Thomas B. Jones
as on which record to be recorded
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