

August Sessions 1847

John Roberts

No 1

I John Whitesides 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 to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of the money that may first come into this hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item the 1<sup>st</sup> I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Whitesides one hundred acres of land to be set out by me and bounded in the south side of the tract whereon I now live so as to include my Martin House all our houses and other improvements; to have and to hold to her the said Mary Whitesides for and during the term of her natural life; or widowhood in satisfaction for and hold of her two and thirds of and in all my real estate my will and desire is that all my real estate be divided equally among all the heirs at the expiration of fifteen years from my death. My will and desire is that my Executor sell as much of my personally property as will satisfy all my just debts and expenses of my heirs and all the residue to remain on the place for the support of my wife and family; and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint

Required and all the residue to remain on the place for the support  
of my wife and family and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint  
Mr. Friend a Major Whitesides my lawful Executor of this my last will  
and testament according to the true intent and meaning hereof in  
witness whereof as the said John Whitesides do hereby set my hand and  
seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1847

John Whitesides

Signed sealed and delivered

in the presence of us

John Webster

Joseph Gambol

No 2  
In the Name of God Amen I George Brannon of the County of Hunter  
and State of North Carolina being weak in body &c. of sound  
mind and memory doth make this my last will & testament in  
manner & form as follows 1<sup>st</sup> My will is that all of my just debts be  
paid 2<sup>nd</sup> I will unto my beloved wife Rachel Brannon the Plantation  
I now live on to hold during her life & at her death to dispose of it  
as she thinks best also give unto her the following negroes my  
Negro woman Jolly (William Green) & Vina to have & to hold  
forever also all of my horses held & Kitchen furniture of my description  
Beds & Bedclothes of every description also I give unto her all  
of my live stock consisting of horses hogs cattle & sheep all

August 28th 1847

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I give with all of my good Fortune & the rest of my property —  
desire you friend magister to be and to hold forever I do hereby  
name my friend John C. & Co. My sole Executor of this my last will  
& testament signed sealed & acknowledged  
in the town of Appleton the 29th / 47 George Brannon Esq  
J. S. Williams  
John Tracy  
the above admitted to have and  
Executor qualified

In the name of God amen,  
I do this day make my last will & testament finding now  
my self weak in body but of a sound mind & desirous to make this my last  
will & testament in manner & as follows  
First & first is that all of my just debt be paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> January & beginning  
with the sum of £ 1000 to William P. Brinson all of that sum of money  
to be paid James McAllard Esq. since he so William P. Brinson now  
is gone. the 3<sup>rd</sup> I will bequeath to my beloved daughter  
Sarah Elizabeth Tracy one half of my house & garden  
and all that goes into the same, the rest to be divided between  
Mr. Ezra Engles & son & Sarah Matilda Brinson & all of the  
rest to be divided between them.