

I, Thomas Cals, 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 Executors, hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of the money that may first come into their hands, as a part or parcel of my estate:—

1. Item I give and devise to my son John, shall heir all that he has got.

2. Item. I will that my daughter Polly one dollar.

3. Item. I will that my daughter Inys heir a hundred dollars.

4. Item. I will that my son William to heir all that he has in possession, and a hundred dollars.

5. Item. I will that my daughter Peggy shall heir a hundred dollars.

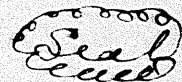
6. Item. I will that my son Thomas shall heir that part of the place that he now lives on, and all that he has got, and a hundred dollars.

7. Item. I will that my son James shall heir ~~that~~ the part of the place that I now live on, and my negro boy Darn, and all my claim of horses, and cows, and hogs, and Smith tools, and farming utensils my household goods, and

5. Item. I will that my daughter Peggy. shall heir a hundred dollars.

6. Item. I will that my son Thomas shall heir that part of the place that he now lives on, and all that he has got, and a hundred dollars.

7. Item. I will that my son James shall heir ~~that~~ the part of the place that I now live on, and my negro boy Sam, and all my claim of horses, and cows, and hogs, and Smith tools, and farming utensils, my household property, and the wagon, and the shop, (James to pay all the debts and the legacies,) and the crop of corn and wheat, and born. I now, therefore, my will and desire is, that my sons Thomas and James is constituted and appointed the executors, 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 every clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof, I the said Thomas Oates, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 18th day of January, 1858.

Thomas Oates. 

Signed, Sealed, Published and Delivered, by the said Thomas Oates, 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.

Gideon Blackwood
Samuel Thompson