

Know all men by these presents that I Sarah Saunders of Gates
County State of N. Carolina being now in my perfect senses do
ordain this to be my last will & testament. First I commit my
soul to God that gave it & my body to be buried in a Christianlike
manner. And as for my worldly goods & affects I give & bequeath
as follows. Item all my just debts to be paid equally by my
two sons Joseph & Henry. Item I give & bequeath unto my two sons
Henry Saunders & Joseph Saunders all my plantation & lands
which I own on the river & which I purchased of Wm. King, Jos
Spright Jos. Parker & Elizabeth Bryan as per deeds on record
to them & their heirs & assigns forever. Item I give & bequeath
unto my son Joseph Saunders all the plantation whereon
I now live (excepting the part which I have given to my son
Henry Saunders as per deed given him unto the said Joseph
to him his heirs & assigns forever in the said plantation
being given me by my father Benj. King as per deed

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to him his heirs & assigns forever in the said plantation
being given me by my father Genl. King on 2d Decr.

Having date 20th Dec. 1803. Then I give & bequith unto my son
Joseph Saunders one bed & furniture for head of cattle
all I have one year to be with him to him his land
a piggs forever. Then I give & bequith unto my son
Saunders one bed & furniture one fine chist all my pears
& all my sheep excepting the one I have given my son
Jos. to him this heins & a piggs forever.

Then, I give & bequith & to be equally divided between all the children
of my daughter Elizabeth Crawford five pounds Curr^y in cash to be paid
by my ^{two} sons Joseph & Mary in one year after my death to them and
their heirs forever. And I desire and have as my Executor to this my
last will & Testament my son Joseph Saunders & before the witnesses
I do pronounce this to be my last will & Testament. As Witness my
hand & seal dated this 16 Day of December 1803.

Witness Parent,
Jos. Vollenmeier
Sarah ^{her} Butler
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Sarah ^{her} Saunders 
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Witness Present,

Jos. Volentine

Sarah ^{her} X Butler

Joshua Lang

Sarah ^{her} X Saunders 
mark

State of North Carolina

Gates County

} May County Court of Pleas &c 1804

The last will & Testament of Sarah Saunders dec'd. was exhibited into
court by Joseph Saunders executor therein appointed and was
proved by the oath of Joshua Lang one of the subscribing witnesses
thereat on motion was ordered to be recorded at the same time
the said executor came into court & qualified himself for that
office.

I Junior Justice of the County of Gates