

John Sitgraves will

North Carolina;

This is the last will of John Sitgraves, I give to my wife Martha Sitgraves all my Estate both Real & Personal during her Natural life, after her death I desire it may be divided equally ~~among~~ among such of my Children as may then be living or if there then be but one ~~child~~ alive I desire the whole of my Estate as ~~for~~ mentioned to such Child - But if all my Children should happen to die before my wife, I give and devise the whole of my Estate both real & Personal to my said wife and her heirs forever; it being but just that the property should return to those by whom it was acquired when the stronger Claims of a Child upon a parent cease to exist - I leave it in the discretion of my wife to sell such part of my property either real or personal as she may prefer to pay all legal demands against me - And I appoint my wife Executor & request the favor of Genl. Jones to act as Executor of this my last will - In testimony of the whole I have hereunto set my hand & seal at Halifax the 24th day of October 1795.

John Sitgraves

Halifax County, N.C.

May Session 1802 When this will was Exhibited in Open Court for probate & thereupon Robert Fenner & Samuel Long made Oath that they were well acquainted with the hand & writing of the said John in his lifetime and that they verily believed that he the said John Sitgraves subscribed the same with his own

wife Electra I request the favor of Gnd. Jones to act as Executor
of this my last will - In testimony of the whole I have hereunto
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John Sturgeons

Halifax County Jk

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in Open Court for probate & thereupon Robert Fenner & Sumner
Long made Oath that they were well acquainted with the hand
writing of the said John in his life time and that they verily believed
that he the said John Sturgeons subscribed the same with his own
proper hand and also that they found the same in the desk of the
deceased amongst his valuable Papers and On motion Ordered to be
Recorded whereupon Martha Cobb Sturgeons the Executrix therein
named came in & was duly qualify'd there to and thereupon Abner
Hodge came in Open Court on Tuesday in the same Session and
made Oath that he was well acquainted with the hand writing of
John Sturgeons dec'd & this will being read the said Abner being sworn
he said that he believed the said John subscribed the same
with his own proper hand -

Abner Hodge

The last will and testament of John Sturgeons deceased