

William Wiggins will

Wm Wiggins

In the Name of God Amen. I William Wiggins of the County of Ashtie, in the State of North Carolina, being in perfect health & of sound Memory thanks be to God, and Calling to Mind the Mortality of Man-kind, and knowing it is appointed for all Men Once to Die, Do Make, Ordain, Reconstitute and Appoint this my last Will and Testament, in Manner & form as follows. To wit, I Give unto my loving wife Priscilla Wiggins the use of all my negroes and all the rest of my Estate Consisting of all kinds of live Stock & Housing Furniture during her natural life. Then, I Give & bequeath unto my loving son William Wiggins his heirs & assigns a tract or parcel of Land, whereon the said Son William Wiggins now lives, Containing three hundred Acres; Also I Give my son William Wiggins his heirs and assigns that first living Child that arrives to the Age of one Year, that a certain Negro Girl brings known by the name of Dinah likewise one negro man named Adam, to be & his heirs forever. Then I Give & bequeath unto my loving Son Arthur Wiggins his heirs & assigns, the manner plantation whereon I now live, Containing three hundred Acres of Land. Also I Give unto my son Arthur Wiggins one Negro Woman named Hannah, one negro boy named York, one Negro Girl named Dorkis, Also one negro man named David Except fifty pounds; my Son Arthur Wiggins his heirs & assigns is to pay unto my two Grand sons, Samuel Wiggins, & Edmund Wiggins, Sons of Thomas Wiggins Deceased, when they arrive at the Age of twenty five years, old, to be Divided Equal share and share alike; and if they die, leaving no issue, to return unto my son Arthur Wiggins Again. Then, I Give and bequeath unto my two Grand sons Samuel Wiggins & Edmund Wiggins Sons of Thomas Wiggins Deceased to them their heirs and assigns three Hundred Acres of Land whereon the said Thomas Wiggins lived; to be equally divided share & share alike, and if dying leaving no issue, I Give it to my son Arthur Wiggins & my Daughter Jane Wiggins to be equal

Also I give my son William Wiggins his heirs and assigns the first living Child that arrives to the Age of one Year, that a certain Negro Girl brings known by the name of Dinah likewise one Negro man named Adam, to be & his heirs forever. Item, I give & bequeath unto my loving Son Arthur Wiggins his heirs & assigns, the Warner plantation wherein I now live containing three hundred Acres of Land. Also I give unto my son Arthur Wiggins one Negro Woman named Hannah, one Negro boy named York, one Negro Girl named Daskie, also one Negro man named David except fifty pounds; my Son Arthur Wiggins his heirs & assigns is to pay unto my two Grand sons, Samuel Wiggins, & Edmund Wiggins, Sons of Thomas Wiggins Deceased, when they arrive at the Age of twenty no years old, to be Divided Equal share and share alike; and if they die, leaving no issue, to return unto my son Arthur Wiggins again. Item, I give and bequeath unto my two Grand sons Samuel Wiggins & Edmund Wiggins Sons of Thomas Wiggins Dec^d to them their heirs and assigns three Hundred Acres of Land wherein the said Thomas Wiggins lived; to be equally divided share & share alike, and if dying leaving no issue, I give it to my son Arthur Wiggins & my Daughter Jane Brewer, to be equally divided share & share alike. Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving Son Arthur Wiggins his heirs and assigns One feather bed, His & furniture; One black Walnut Desk, & one Walnut falling Table. Item, I give & bequeath unto my loving Daughter Jane Brewer, her heirs and assigns, One hundred & fifty Six Acres of Land, Joining the Land of the Children of Mr. Wiggins Dec^d. also I give unto my daughter one Negro Girl named Dinah. Item, I lend unto my loving daughter Elizabeth Barber one Negro Girl named Kate, during her Natural life, then I give unto her Children, the Negro named Kate, to them & their heirs forever. To be Divided Equally Share & share alike. Item, I give & bequeath, unto my daughter

Priscilla Bishop her heirs and assigns, One Negro Girl named Venus, one Negro boy named Callas. Item, I give and bequeath all the remainder of my whole Estate Consisting of Every thing Whatsoever, after my Just debts are paid, & after the death of my wife Priscilla Wiggins, that is not herein before mentioned and given in Legacies to be equally divided between my six Children that is William Wiggins, Arthur Wiggins, Thomas Wiggins, dec. His, Jane Brew-er, Elizabeth Barker, & Priscilla Bishop, they and their heirs and assigns share & share alike. Item, Lastly I nominate, constitute, and appoint, my loving son Arthur Wiggins, and Marcus Bishop, Executors to this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all others by me hereto before made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th. day of October 1790.

William Wiggins

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and declared, by the said William Wiggins to be his last Will and Testament

in the presence of us

Halifax County Jt. May Session 1791. That this

Samuel Bell Atty
Ch. Joyner Atty
Robert Stampfer

will, was exhibited in Open Court, duly proved by the Oaths of Samuel Bell & Ch. Joyner, two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded

Whereupon Arthur Wiggins and Marcus Bishop the Executors named in the will came in and was duly Qualified as Executors

Chas. Matthews C. J.

State of Carolina
Halifax County

Monday about three o'clock P. M. the 30th. March 1791.

That the same and said will being first shown to the Judge of the said Court