

Will of Adam Starling

In the name of God Amen I Adam Starling of the State of North Carolina Johnston County being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling to mind mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent and Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall obtain the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath my well beloved son John Starling four pounds to be raised out of my estate also I give my river plantation and thirty four acres in the long pond to Hilbert Starling my son also one cow and calf to my son Hilbert Starling except Mary Batten should want any to lend them she is to have it. Also I give Mary Batten the plantation whereon she now lives containing four hundred and twenty two acres of land as long as she lives single and after that to her son Arthur Batten and if he dies to Starling Batten also I want the said Mary Batten to keep all in her possession that she has now got in it as long as she lives single or untill the girls marries. Also my negro boy named Jeff also Lilly and Fanny to the use of the same untill she marries. Also I give to my daughter Rachel one feather bed and furniture also I give my daughter Pary one feather bed and furniture, also I give my daughter Lowsy one feather bed and furniture also I give my son Eliza Starling the Robin place containing two hundred and fifty acres of land the orchard to Mary Batten untill he comes of age. Also my old shot gun to Eliza Starling and one horse named Black. Also I give to Abraham Batten sixty two acres of land where on the pasture now is a Little Creek, also one rifle gun and four ewes to the said Abraham Batten also I give my negro Jeff to Abraham Batten after she is dead or married. Also I give Samuel Batten ten head of gase also four ewes, also give my negro Charlotte to Samuel Batten also five pounds in money to be raised out of my estate I give to Samuel Batten. Also I give my son Graphen Starling two

hundred and eight acres of land lying between Gays line and William Hinnant lines also one barrel corn to said Graphen Starling. Also after the death of Mary Batten the rest of my property to be sold and equally divided among the old children. also I make and ordain Samuel Batten and Abraham Batten my sole executors of this my last will and testament all my lands messuages and tenements by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed and I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannull all and every other former testaments wills legacies bequeaths and executors by me in any wise before named, willed and bequeathed ratified and confirmed this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Adam Starling as his last will and testament in the presence of us

Adam Starling (Seal)

Johnathan Evans
Graphen ^{mark} Starling

Johnston County November term 1805
Then was the above will exhibited in open court
and ordered to be recorded
Roe Sanders Clk. C.