

Will of Alexander Averyt

In the name of God Amen I Alexander Averyt of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory of which I am thankful to Almighty God do make and admit this my last will and testament in the following manner (to wit)

First I lend to my beloved wife Sarah Averyt the use of all my lands and plantation that I possess on Swift Creek during her natural life and after her death to be disposed of as is herein after expressed also the use of five negroes (to wit) Isaac, Esther, Olive and Lucy and James during her natural life and after her death to be disposed of as is herein after expressed. Also the use of two feather beds and furniture two chests two tables two trunks her choice all of my sitting chairs with all my parlor and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils. Also one horse or mare her choice three cows and calves two sows and pigs during her natural life and after her death to be disposed of as is herein after expressed

I give and bequeath to my aforesaid wife one years support for her and family out of the crop stock and provision on hand.

I give and bequeath to my son William Averyt one negro boy named Sam and fifty dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Ingram twenty five dollars each to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Christine Bauman twenty five dollars in cash to her and her heirs forever. I also lend to my aforesaid daughter the use of two negroes named Penny and Handy during her natural life and after her death the same negroes and their increase if any to be equally divided among her children to them and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Alexander Averyt after the death of my wife all my lands and plantations that I possess lying on Swift Creek containing by estimation three hundred and seventy five acres to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Peggy Smith twenty five dollars in cash to her and her heirs forever. I also lend to my aforesaid daughter one negro girl named Phoebe during her natural lifetime and after her death

said negro and increase if there is any to be equally divided among her children to them and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath after the death of my aforesaid wife to my two grand children Alexander Morris and Harry Ingram one negro girl named Olive to them to be equally interested in said negro and her increase if any to them and their heirs forever. It is my further will and desire that after the payments of my just debts and other necessary charges all the balance of my estate both real and personal which is not above willed or given away to be sold by my executor herein after named agreeable to law and the money arising therefrom together with the debts due me

I give and bequeath it to all my grand children to be equally divided to each of them and equal share alike to all them that may exist at the time of my death to them and their heirs forever.

Also after the death of my wife all that I loaned to her during her natural life which is not above willed away to be sold agreeable to law and after the necessary charges being paid out of the money arising therefrom the

balance I give and bequeath to all my ^{above} grand children who may exist at the time of my decease to each of them equally alike share to them and their heirs forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and admit my son Alexander Averyt and my friend Edwin Smith executors to this my last will and testament revoking and making void all other wills or bequests of me heretofore made and satisfying this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 16 day of December 1818 signed sealed and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament

in the presence of
James Woodall
John Barber
Abraham Woodall

Alexander Averyt

State of North Carolina } Feb Term 1882
Johnston County } Then was this
will proven in open court and ordered
to be recorded.

R. Sanders Clk