

Will of Alexander Sanders

Alexander Sanders of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this paper writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Phoebe Sanders the tract of land upon which I now live during her natural life One cow and calf & yearling her choice, one sow and twenty three pigs one horse called Felix and harness all my household and kitchen furniture and all the hollog.

I give unto my daughter Rebecca Byrd wife of Thomas Byrd one hundred dollars in money.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Sanders one hundred dollars in money.

I give to my son Ashley Sanders my brandy still & fixtures which is now on the land I gave him.

I give and bequeath to my step son Macon Johnson the tract whereon I now live after the death of my said wife Phoebe Sanders provided he pays over to my executor herein after named two hundred and fifty dollars as early as practicable and remains here taking care of me and his mother our life time.

I hereby constitute and appoint my truly friend Wm H. Sanders my lawful executor to execute this my last will and testament by first paying all my just debts & collecting whatever may be due my estate & by paying the legacies bequeathed above made.

My will further is that the residue of my estate if any be divided between Rebecca Byrd, Leary Sanders, Jordan Sanders & Ashley Sanders and that the crop or provisions on hand at the time of my death be given entirely to my wife and Macon Johnson.

And I Alexander Sanders do hereby revoke and declare utterly void all other wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal this the 30th day of January A.D. 1857. Signed sealed and declared by Alexander Sanders to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request do subscribe our names as witnesses Thereto.

Thomas D. Inead
Starling Johnson

Alexander Sanders ^{his} seal
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State of North Carolina) Court of Pleas and Quarter Session
Johnston County) August Term 1857.

Then was this paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Alexander Sanders deceased exhibited for probate in open court by Wm H. Sanders the executor herein named and the due execution thereof by the said Alexander Sanders is proved by the oath and examination of Thomas D. Inead & Starling Johnson the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Alexander Sanders and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Wm H. Sanders executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Witness Thomas D. Inead C.C.C.