

Will of Isaac Bledsoe

In the Name of God Amen

I Isaac Bledsoe of Johnston County in the Province of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but in perfect sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows.

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my eldest son Isaac Bledsoe a parcel of land lying in the County of Forsyth bounded from the bottom near the school house down the branch to the mouth, thence across the creek in a straight course to the back line containing or estimated One hundred acres or the same more or less.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Bledsoe the residue of the said tract it being the land where I now live for and during her natural life and after her decease to descend to my youngest son Benjamin his heirs or assigns forever. As for my movable effects more than is mentioned hereafter I give to her the said Mary Bledsoe so long as she shall remain a widow, but if she should marry these movables to be sold and she to have 1/3 part of the sales to be equally divided amongst my daughters Mary, Eliza and Millie.

I give and bequeath to my son John Bledsoe a parcel and tract of land lying between the tract afore mentioned and Capt Robert Cates to him and his heirs forever also three horse and a cow as he has made choice of to give.

I also give to my eldest son Isaac Gargiter to be mentioned above three cows and pigs.

I also give to my youngest son Benjamin a mare get known as the name of Bond Bull and I also appoint my loving wife one executrix and my eldest son Isaac Bledsoe the other executrix of this my last will and testament. Resolving disannulling and utterly making void all former wills gifts legacies grants before me made acknowledging this only to be my last will and testament Given under my hand and seal this the Twenty ninth day of December One thousand seven hundred and eight.

Signed, sealed, Published and pronounced

and declared by the above named

Isaac Bledsoe as his last will and testament

in the presence of us

Edward Mobley

Ezra Clampton

Stephen Hampton

North Carolina

Johnston County

Dec Court 1761 Present His Maj Justice

There was the within Will proved by the oath of Edward Mobley a substantial evidence there and admitted to Record and Mary his widow and Isaac Bledsoe qualified as Executors Jas Robert P. Rains C C

Will of Arch Macclary

In the name of God Amen

Johnston County in the Province of North Carolina I Arch Macclary do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following to say First and principally I give and bequeath my soul to the hands of Almighty God that gave it to me nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same again from the hands of my rescuing Redeemer at the day of the general resurrection and my body to the earth from which it came to be buried after a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my executors whom I shall hereafter appoint and as for what worldly goods it hath been pleased god to bestow on me, after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I give and bequeath as follows Imprimis I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine Macclary three Negroes named Bob, Jane and Sam and one Station called Bull and the plantation whereon I now live

I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson Micajah Macclary the plantation and tract of land on Crabtree Creek whereon James Childers formerly dwelt and one Negro boy named Cook to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my beloved son named Anderson Macclary my mill and all the lands adjoining to it so long as Blacks Branch and one Negro boy named Buck to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Macclary the plantation and part of the tract of land I now live on and after the decease of my wife Catherine one Negro boy named Peter to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my beloved son Anderson Macclary One hundred acres of land taken out of the tract I now live on lying on Marsh Creek and not coming nearer the plantation than the red mill and one Negro boy named Will to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Phebe one hundred acres of land part of the tract I now live on and at a place called the Indian Grove with the lands opposite thereto and on the south side of the Creek to said lower end of the line and one Negro girl named Mall and one young working creature to her and her heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Frankie the upper end of the Marshy Creek land called the Hog farm and a Negro boy named Dick to her and her heirs forever

My will and desire is that if it should please god any of my children above mentioned or my grand child Micajah should die before they come to age, the boys twenty one and the girls sixteen years or married or having lawful issue that then his or her part to be equally divided among the survivors

My will and desire is that all the remainder of my estate both real and personal may be equally divided between my wife and children at the discretion of my Executors for my desire that my estate

may be inventoried but not appraised.

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Catherine Macleary Executrix and my brother William and my friend Andrew Hartfield Executors of this my last will and testament. Proving all other wills formerly by me made allowing this and no other to be my last will and testament. Thos^r Hunter and Nathaniel Jones to be assist in dividing the estate. I witness whereof I do therunto set my hand and seal this the 9th day of December 1760

Signed sealed &c in the

presence of

Joseph Chawin

John Bell

Isaac Chawin

by the oath of Chawin and ordered Recorded where Catherine the widow and William Macleary and the widow and Andrew Hartfield qualified as Executors

Arch^d Macleary (Seal)

North Carolina

Johnston County

Dec^r 1761

Present his Maj^y Justices

Thence was the within will proven in open Court

Just Robt^t Rains C.C.

Will of John Dudley

In the name of God Amen

I John Dudley of Johnston County in the Province of North Carolina planter being sick in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to god do make this my last will and testament in form following being mortally sorry for my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness of the same I commit my soul to almighty God trusting to be saved through the merits of Jesus Christ and my body to be buried where it shall please my Executors hereafter named to appoint and as the settling of my temporal estate as it has pleased god to bestow upon me. I order give and dispose the same in manner and form following. I desire my land to be sold first my dwelling place and a tract or parcel of land that I bought of William Bond. I desire the said land to be sold to pay debts

I will and bequeath to my wife Rachel all the over plus of the money of land after my debts are paid

I will and bequeath to my wife Rachel all my house hold goods and furniture and all my stock horses and cattle and hogs all my moveable stuff

I will and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Ann one shilling sterling money and no more

I will and bequeath to my son John one shilling sterling money and no more

I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one shilling sterling money

I will and bequeath to my son David one shilling sterling money and no more and I constitute and appoint Richard Cogdell and David Dudley Executors of this will and testament. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and first my seal the 15th day November 1762

Witness

William McHinnis

Geo^r Frazer

Annah Cogdell

John Dudley (Seal)