

Will of John Brady

In the name of God Amen I John Brady of Johnston County in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind, and memory blessed be God do this sixteenth of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First I lend unto my beloved wife Elisha Brady alias Holton one negro woman slave named Jenny one feather bed and furniture one mare named Dill and her colt one womans saddle and bridle two cows and calves and the plantation I now live on with land adjoining to her during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between my two children Black and Heilly Brady alias Holton except the negro woman Jenny and the land and plantation

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Black Brady alias Holton one negro slave woman Jenny the land and plantation I now live on with all my lands adjoining saveing the one plantation and negro woman for my wife Elisha Brady alias Holton during her natural life as before mentioned, one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Heilly Brady alias Holton one negro girl named Unity one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Grace Cheever one silver dollar my will and desire is that the remainder of my estate that is not willed away or sent after all charge and expenses is paid to be equally divided between my son Blake Brady alias Holton and daughter Heilly Brady alias Holton when my son Blake arrives at the age of twenty one years and I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend Henry Blunt and my son Blake Brady alias Holton executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John Brady have this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written. signed sealed published and declared by the said John Brady the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing

and sealing thereof

Sam Smith
Ezekiel Stallings
Ethelred Bridgers
William Pool

John Brady (seal)

Will of Arthur Davis

In the name of God Amen I Arthur Davis of Johnston County in the State of North Carolina, being sick and weak in body but in perfect minds and memory blessed be God, do this twenty fifth of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety four and in the nineth year of American Independance make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say first

I ~~give~~ ~~lend~~ ~~bequeath~~ to my beloved wife Elizabeth Davis all my land, and plantations and one negro girl named Beck and also one mare colt & filly also all my household and kitchen furniture and all my plantation working tools during her natural life and no longer. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Davis three cows and calves also two barren cows and also all my stock of hogs for years support of my family In case she intermarries with any other person or James Hall her former husband, should claim her again as wife then the above lands and plantations and the above mentioned negro Beck and mare and also all my household and kitchen furniture and all my plantation tool to be taken in possession of by my executors or my daughter Betsey's guardians and kept by them as the other of my daughter's legacies.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Betsey Davis all my lands and my negro girl colled Beck and plantations to be hers and her heirs forever.

It is my ^{will} desire that the remaining part of my stock of cattle that I have not heretofore given away to be sold and all my just debts and charges be paid out of the money and the remainder I give to my daughter Betsey Davis and her heirs forever. It is also my will and desire that at the death or marriage of my widow or claim of James Hall to my widow as wife to him then the above mentioned negro Beck, mare household furniture and plantation working tools to be sold and the money arising therefor I give to my daughter Betsey

and her heirs forever, it is my will and desire that all my crop of corn potatoes and cotton that now grow to be for the use and support of my family. If in case daughter Betsey Davis should die without and her husband begotten of this body. It is my will and desire that the whole of my estate should be equally divided between my widow and my brother Jacob Davis and my sister Pattie Wil and for them to enjoy it forever. And I hereby constitute and ordain my trusty and well beloved friends William F. and Garot Thompson my executors of this my last will and testament hereby ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof have here unto set my hand and seal the day and above written signed sealed published, pronounced and by the said Arthur Davis as his last will and testament in presence of us

Joseph Ingraham
 Jesse L. Limer
 Henry E. Langford

Arthur Davis (per)

Will of Samuel Smith

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Smith of Johnston County and State of North Carolina, being in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, and calling to mind the 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 a christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form in premises

I give and bequeath to my loving wife Susanna five negroes (to wit) Peter, Tom, Lucy, Cloc and Phillis, three horses called Dick, Romulus and Loby, and one mare called Peg ten cows and calves twenty head of sheep forty head of geese and ganders two feather beds and furniture and all the rest of my household furniture that is not mentioned in my will when and her heirs forever, and is my will that my wife shall have possession of the house and as much of the plantation as she shall think sufficient for her to occupying her natural life

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John three hundred and twenty acres of land, it being one half of the land and plantation whereon I now live beginning at a white oak near Whitfield Mills on the bank of Black creek running thence with the various courses of said creek down to the mouth thence down the river side to and elm tree thence across the field, and through the woods near a west course with a line marked trees to the back line thence along the back line to the beginning one hundred and eighty five acres lying on the head of the Whiskey branch and little jumper and two hundred acres on Black creek one negro man named Baltimore and Dol his wife and three of their children namely Peter Charity and Olive and one negro man named George and all the hogs and horse creatures one still worm and eap now in said Baltimore's possession two feather beds and furniture one visiting desk one rifle gun, powder horn and shot bag, ten head of cattle and ten head sheep to him and his heirs and assigns forever.