

Arthur Gurley's Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Arthur Gurley planter of the County and Province aforesaid being sick and weak but of sound mind and disposing memory thanks be to God for it. Calling to mind the great mortality of man and for the better settling of my temporal affairs to make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following-

Imps— First I give my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to be buried in a decent order at the discretion of my Executors

Item I give to my Brother Joseph Gurley Three Cows and Calves and a tract of land containing two hundred acres and eight two year old hogs

Item I also give to my Brother Joseph Gurley two breeding Ewes and two barrels of Corn

Item I give to my Brother Nathan Gurley a seven year old horse and a rifle gun and four two year old hogs

Item I give to Alexander Pool half a barrel of Corn and a new basket

Item I give to my mother in law two Chests

Item I give to my Brother Nathans Gurley my Coat, Jacket and breeches and a narrow ap.

And lastly I appoint my Brother Joseph Gurley and Nathan Gurley my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament Revoking all other will or wills heretofore by me made.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of me
Nathan Pool
Elizabeth Gurley
Jas. Robt. Rains
Arthur Gurley (Seal)

Nathan Gurley

In the Name of God Amen

I Nathan Gurley of the County of Johnston in the province of North Carolina Husbandman being weak in body but of sound memory thanks be to God and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say.

Imps First of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors

Item I give to my beloved wife Anna Gurley a dark bay mare called Blossom and fourteen head of Cattle and fourteen head of sheep

Item I give my eldest son Arthur Gurley a plantation whereon I now live containing One Hundred and Twenty five acres and a dictionary book

Item I give my beloved son Robert the former plantation situate by the Ballard plantation

Item I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Gurley four head of Cattle at William Edwards and also a large Church Bible

Item I give my beloved Daughter Sarah Gurley a mare and all running in the woods at large and also a feather bed and furniture.

Item And all the residue and rest of my Estate goods and Chattels I lend to my beloved wife Anna Gurley during her life or widowhood and then after paying all my lawful debts I give the remainder of all after my wife deceased or widowhood to be equally divided between my four Children Nathan Gurley, Robert Gurley, Elizabeth Gurley and Sarah Gurley to be equally divided Lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my friend William Gurley senr Exr and my wife Exrs of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills by me heretofore made ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 9th day of July in the year of our Lord 1796. Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us
Jas Nathan Gur
William Gurley Sr
Nathan Gurley (Seal)