

Will of Aza Farmer

In the name of God Amen I Aza Farmer of the State of North Carolina Johnston County being of sound mind and memory thanks be to God this the 8th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one make public and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following

First- I give and bequeath unto my beloved son James Jackson Farmer all my lands and tenements after my decease that I am now possessed and for my son John B. Farmer to live on the same land so long as he may think proper & he now lives provided he and the rest can agree and for my three daughters Merab Farmer Rhina Farmer and Sally Farmer to live on the said land so long as they remain single.

I also give to James Jackson Farmer one negro boy named George all my stock of cattle, horses hogs and sheep to be divided between my son James Jackson Farmer, Merab, Rhina, and Sally Farmer except one roan mare I give to James Jackson Farmer, also I give one mare Finger Tail and little Finger to Merab, Rhina and Sally Farmer I give my still to James Jackson Farmer but all the rest of my children to have an equal share of the profits arising from it as long as they live together as they now do. I give one negro girl named Sarah to Merab Farmer.

I give one negro girl name Dice to Rhina Farmer.

I give one negro girl named Denny to Sally Farmer during her lifetime and after her decease to her daughter Sophia.

Also I give one pig to James Jackson Farmer but while my children live together as they do now for all to have the benefit of it they have or now do

Also I give to James Jackson Farmer all my shop and carpenter tools for all my children to have the use and priviledge of them as they now do so long as they remain together.

Also I give unto each of my children their bed and furniture as they are now divided among them and my grand daughter Sophia to have her bed as it now is and my bed and furniture I leave to all my children to be divided among them as they think proper except John B. Farmer.

Also I leave one negro named Carter and one negro boy named Henry to James Jackson Farmer, Merab Farmer, Rhina Farmer and Sally Farmer for them to divide among them share and share alike equal

Also leave all my children their sheets as they now are and my sheet I give to James Jackson Farmer. I give my horse to James Jackson Farmer.

Also I give all the rest of my property as has not been named to James Jackson Farmer but for all my children to have the benefit of it as they now do so long as they may remain together.

Also I want James Jackson Farmer, Merab Farmer, Rhina Farmer and Sally Farmer among them all their equal parts to pay Sophia Farmer ten dollars when she becomes of age or to legally receive it.

Also I leave James Jackson Farmer my beloved son executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Aza Farmer have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament. The day and date first above written

Signed, sealed and published

by the said Aza Farmer

the testator as this last will

and testament in the presence of us

William Jones

James R. Ellis

Aza ^{by} Farmer ^{mark} 

Johnston County Court
May Term 1851

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of William Jones and James R. Ellis and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley clk
by R. J. Bell assistant