

Will of Benajah Ward

I Benajah Ward of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First- That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my self and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with any just debts however unto to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I give and devise unto my beloved wife Susan Ward and my six children, Nancy E, Polly, Sarah E, Phereby, Susan B Thomas Ward all of my perishable estate for their mutual benefit and maintenance except so much as will be need to be sold to pay my just debts to them and their lawful heirs

Item I give and devise to my son Thomas Ward all of my lands after arriving at the age of twenty one years to him and his lawful heirs forever and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend John Casor my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and ever part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Benajah Ward do hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of July A.D. 1844

Benajah Ward (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Benajah Ward to be his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Benjamin B. Woole
Nason Lee

Johnston County Court

August term 1848

Then was this will duly proven in open court by the oath of Nason Lee and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley clk

Will of Elizabeth Jones

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Jones being advanced in age and of infirm body and health though of discreet mind and memory and being desirous of making a satisfactory disposition of what property it has pleased God to possess me with do make and ordain this my last will and testament and

First- I desire that my body may be decently committed to the earth in manner and way that may be most pleasing to my friends and that my spirit may rest in God not doubting its immortality and as to my property my will and desire is that after my death it may all be equally divided among all my children share and share alike but in this distribution it is my will and desire that the portions falling to my daughters Jane Boykin, Amanda Edwards, Eugenia Blackwood shall be secured and settled upon them the said daughters and their children respectively and the more effectually to carry into execution this my will and desire in regard to their division that may fall to my daughters aforesaid

I give and bequeath such lots or divisions as may fall to them from the equal division of my property aforesaid unto my beloved friend Ashley Sanders to hold in trust for the sale, use and benefit of them my said daughters Jane, Amanda and Eugenia and their heirs forever to him and his heirs in trust as aforesaid.

And the more fully to administer and to carry into effect this my last will and testament.

I do hereby appoint Ashley Sanders and my son Miles W Jones as my executors to this my last will.

In testimony and witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal and hand this the ninth day of September A.D. 1844.

Signed in the presence of us.

John McLeod
Etheldred Bell.

Elizabeth Jones (Seal)

Johnston County Court

August Term 1848.

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of John McLeod & Etheldred Bell and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Bagley clk