

## Will of Edmund Godwin

In the name of God Amen I Edmund Godwin of the State of North Carolina, and County of Johnston being of sound and perfect mind, and memory blessed be God, do this third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say I give and bequeath unto my <sup>two</sup> son Edmund Godwin and Theophilous Godwin all my lands and plantations to be equally divided by and agreed line between them two selves also I give to my beloved daughter Gilpha Williams one feather bed also I give to my beloved son Solomon Godwin one feather bed also I give to my beloved daughter Mary Godwin one cow and calf one large chest and one feather bed and all my geese also I give to my beloved daughter Edith Starling ten shillings to be raised out of my estate also I give to my daughter Patience Godwin ten shillings to be raised out of my estate also the property that my beloved son Theophilous Godwin has <sup>now</sup> got in possession to wit one horse one feather bed one cow and calf and one pot. I give and bequeath to my son Theophilous Godwin, also I give to my beloved son Edmund Godwin the note of hand, I have against John Smith and all the remainder of my estate be it of whatsoever kind or nature it may be that is not above mentioned. I give to my beloved sons and daughters Gilpha Williams, Solomon Godwin, Edmund Godwin Theophilous Godwin and Mary Godwin to be equally divided between them five last names, and I make and ordain my two sons Edmund & Theophilous Godwin my executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Edmund Godwin have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed sealed and delivered in presence of us witnesses

Thomas <sup>make</sup> Faulk  
Nicholas <sup>make</sup> Faulk

Edmund <sup>make</sup> Godwin (seal)

## Will of Benjamin Bridges

In the name of God Amen the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven Benjamin Bridges of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and obtain 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 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 nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following form and manner, In presence

I give and bequeath unto daughter Elizabeth twenty shillings in money

In presence I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally two ewes and lambs to her and her heirs forever.

In presence I give and bequeath to my daughter Winnifred Bridges one horse saddle and bridle one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf and two ewes and lambs to her and her heirs forever.

In presence I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Bridges one horse and saddle & bridle one feather bed, and furniture one cow and calf two ewes and lambs to him and his heirs forever. to be delivered to him when he becomes of age.

In presence I give and bequeath unto my son Silas Bridges one shot gun to him and his heirs forever.

In presence I lend to my beloved wife Rebecca Bridges the whole of the rest of my estate during her natural life and after her decease my will and desire is that the same be equally divided between my four sons Silas, Benjamin, William and Blake and my will and desire is that my son Joseph

shall have and equal share in the same with the other four sons and I constitute and appoint my wife Rebecca and my son Joseph Bridgers my executors to the my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all former gifts and bequests by me made ratifying confirming this and only this to be and contain my last will and testament the day and year first above mentioned signed sealed published declared and pronounced by the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of his

Test  
 Jacob Gurley  
 Richard <sup>Rich</sup> Pilkinton  
 Jacob <sup>Rich</sup> Edwards

Benjamin <sup>Rich</sup> Bridgers (seal)

Georgia

### Will of Ashley Wood

Know all men by these presents that I Ashley Wood of Jefferson County State aforesaid have made and advised and by these presents do make ordain constitute and appoint Solomon Wood of the same county and state my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to dispose of and sell all the lands of my property in Johnston County State of North Carolina which I inherited as heir of Noah Wood of Johnston County aforesaid deceased and to receive whatever sums or sums of money may be due to me from any person or persons in the said State of North Carolina and upon the sale and receipt of the same to make out and in my name to execute all necessary written and receipts for the same and to take all such lawful steps relative to the aforesaid premises as I myself would or could do were I personally present in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of November in the year 1797 in the twenty second year of American Independence.

Ashley Wood (seal)

Test  
 Nancy Wood  
 Gamble Robinson  
 Turner Mason

### Will of Loved Bogan

In the name of God Amen considering ye frailty of human nature and being very weak and in a low state of health the sound mind and memory blessed be God for the same do make constitute and advise this my last will and testament in manner and form following

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Clement Bogan two lots of land in the city of Newbern known as follows one fifty six and the other forty two to him and his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Bogan nine negroes namely Charity and her two children Will, Barney, Abram, Clary, Olive and Prunz also one half of my household and kitchen furniture plantations tools one half of my stock of sheep one half my breeding cattle one half my breeding hogs five head of horses namely Pony, W Jacket, Darn, Mare and her two colts to her and her heirs forever. I also lend unto my loving wife Elizabeth Bogan the plantation whereon I now live with all the lands belonging to me adjoining the same during her natural life. I also impose my executors to sell the whole my land in ye western country and that ye money arising from the same to be equally divided between my said wife and my son Nedham Bogan. I also empower them to purchase negroes and land for my son if they shall think it best for his advantage. I also give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bogan after my just debts be paid one half of the money arising from the debts due me and the sales of the my stock my will and desire is that my executors discharge all my just debts out of the debts due me and sale of ye stock as above crop and produce that shall be collected the balance to be divided after paying my just debts to my said wife and son as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Nedham Bogan the whole of my estate both real and personal not already mentioned to my brother and wife Elizabeth to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I also empower my executors hereafter to be named to make sale of the perishable part of my said son Nedham Bogan estate to have out the negroes annually seeing they are well clothed and not abused and sent out his land reserving ye timber except for plantation use for the most they will bring & that