

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 ^{two} 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 ^{now} 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 ^{make} Faulk
Nicholas ^{make} Faulk

Edmund ^{make} Godwin (seal)

Will of Benjamin Bridges

In the name of God Amen the 15th 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