

Will of Nancy Smith

In the name of God Amen, I Nancy Smith of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina, being in bad health but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:-

First- That my medical bill and burial charges be paid

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my sister Sally Mondin the following property (to wit) one negro man by the name of Jacob two feather beds, six counterpane, two comfort six plain sheets two or three bed quilts, bureau, walnut table two chest, two trunks, two pressing table, Press, side saddle, pot, oven, frying pan and tea kettle one side glass half doz table spoons, half doz tea spoons one saddle all the rest of my little things about the house too tedious to mention two white horse skin blankets to each bed one spinning wheel all my stock of cattle, one note on Jacob J. Woodall one note on Casper Lockhart or Cassil order of thirty six dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly I appoint my sister Sally Mondin executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1848.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us  
 Wm. Renfrow  
 William G. Goy  
 Nancy Smith (Seal)

Johnston County Court

May Term 1848

Then was the above will returned in open court approved and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley clk

Will of Elijah Lassiter

In the name of God Amen I Elijah Lassiter of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do by the help of God make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all other wills made by me (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> I give my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried in a christian like manner As to the goods and chattles with which God has blessed me after paying all my just debts I leave to be disposed of in the following manner that is to say

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Johnson wife of James Johnson one dollar she having received her distribution share heretofore

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law James Johnson one dollar.

4<sup>th</sup> I give unto my son-in-law George Matheson one hundred dollars in money my daughter Penelope his wife has heretofore received her distribution share

5<sup>th</sup> As for my old servant Jude it is willed that she be permitted to live with any of my children she may choose.

6<sup>th</sup> All the rest and residue of my property of whatever name or nature I leave to be equally divided between my several children herein after named and subject to such regulations as herein as follows (viz) unto Lillitha Johnson wife of David Johnson deceased, Sally Whittington wife of Solomon Whittington deceased and William Lassiter to each one distributive share or distributive share to Jason Lassiter, one distributive share to the heirs of James Lassiter deceased after deducting therefrom one hundred and fifty dollars and seventeen cents if being the amount which I payed William Lassiter for him the said James Lassiter deceased.

To Shadrack Lassiter, Patsy Carrol wife of John Carrol Elijah Lassiter and Elisha Lassiter each one share and to Mary Woodall wife of Eideon Woodall deceased one share after deducting therefrom the sum of seventy six dollars and thirty-two cents which I advanced to her in payment for Land, as is herein directed to my several children.

Will of Nancy Smith

In the name of God Amen, I Nancy Smith of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in bad health of but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:-

First- That my medical bill and burial charges be paid

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my sister Sally Mordin the following property (to wit) one negro man by the name of Jacob two feather beds, six counterpane, two blankets six plain sheets two or three bed quilts, bureau, walnut table two chest two trunks, two dressing tables, Press, side saddle, pot, oven, frying pan and tea kettle one side glass half doz table spoons, half doz tea spoons one cradle all the rest of my little things about the house to wit: to mention two white horse skin blankets to each bed one spinning wheel all my stock of cattle, one note on Jacob & E. Woodall one note on Caser Lockhart or Parrel order of thirty six dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly I appoint my sister Sally Mordin executor to this my last will and testament in witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1848.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us  
P. Benson  
William <sup>in</sup> Gay  
Nancy Smith

Johnston County Court

May Term 1848

Then was the above will returned in open court approved and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley clk

Will of Elijah Lassiter

In the name of God Amen I Elijah Lassiter of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do by the help of God make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all other wills made by me (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> I give my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried in a christian like manner  
As to the goods and chattles with which God has blessed me after paying all my just debts I leave to be disposed of in the following manner that is to say

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Johnson wife of James Johnston 50 dollars she having received her distributive share heretofore

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law James Johnson one dollar.

4<sup>th</sup> I give unto my son-in-law George Stephenson one hundred dollars in money my daughter Penelope his wife has heretofore received her distributive share

5<sup>th</sup> As for my old servant Jude it is willed that she be permitted to live with any of my children she may choose.

6<sup>th</sup> All the rest and residue of my property of whatever name or nature I leave to be equally divided between my several children herein after named and subject to such regulations as herein as follows (viz) unto Lillitha Johnson wife of David Johnson deceased, Sally Whittington wife of Solomon Whittington deceased and William Lassiter to each one distributive share or distributive share to Jason Lassiter, one distributive share to the heirs of James Lassiter deceased after deducting therefrom one hundred and five dollars and seventeen cents if being the amount which I paid William Lassiter for him the said James Lassiter deceased.

To Shadrach Lassiter, Patsy Carol wife of John Carol Elijah Lassiter and Elijah Lassiter each one share and to Mary Woodall wife of Gideon Woodall deceased one share after deducting therefrom the sum of seventy six dollars and thirty two cents which I advanced to her in payment for Land, as is herein directed to my several children for and in consideration of love and natural affection

affection I give and bequeath unto them and their heirs forever.

I nominate constitute and appoint my son William Lassiter executor to this my last will and testament whom I request after my decease to consult with my children or as many of them as may be convenient and proceed to make sale or divide my property as is herein directed as they may think best.

In witness whereof I the said Elijah Lassiter have hereunto set my hand and <sup>affixed</sup> seal the thirteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty seven signed sealed in presence of  
John H. Kennedy  
David Avera

Johnston County Court

May Term 1848

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oath of David Avera and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley clk

### Will of James Stephenson

In the name of God Amen I James Stephenson of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but strong in mind do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in words following

Item 1 It is my desire after my decease that my executor have me buried in a decent Christian form

Item 2 I give unto my daughter Jane Stephenson one bedstead and furniture one chest one cow and calf her choice 1 sow and pigs 1 powder dish her choice 1 table.

Item 3 I give unto my son Benjamin Stephenson all the rest of my property that I may die possessed of money excepted.

Item 4 If I leave any money on hand at my death it is my desire that it be divided between all my children and I do by these present revoke annul and make void all other wills heretofore made by me declaring this to be my last will and testament and I do also appoint my son Benjamin Stephenson my executor to this my last will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1847

James B. Stephenson <sup>mark</sup> Seal

Witness

C. J. Bingham

Merit Stephenson

Johnston County Court

August Term 1848

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oath of Charles J. Bingham and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Bagley clk