

Will of Frederick Grantham

In the name of God Amen I Frederick Grantham of the state of North Carolina and County of Johnston being in good health and of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do make and ordain this instrument of writing to contain my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it me and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the direction of my executors hereafter named and as touching such ~~estate~~ as it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of in the following manner

Firstly I give and bequeath to my son Henry Grantham one hundred and fifty dollars in money besides what I have before given him

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Barnabas Grantham his heirs and assigns forever three hundred and twenty seven acres of land on both side of Mill branch and bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at a stake on the north side of the run of Mill branch about 50 yards below the big path or ford and run N 81° 15' pole to a pine the north 60° Et 113 poles to a stake and small pine tree by the side of the fence thence N 83° Et 30 poles to a post oak in a old field then N 51° poles to a small hickory on the south edge of the road then up and along with the road a S 71° N 31° poles against Whitley Grantham house then still along the road S 79° N 129 poles to a stake & pointers on the road then N 39° poles to a stake then S 78° N 9 1/2° poles to a stooping black gum on the run of the small branch then up the run of the s.d. small branch as it meanders about 5 poles to a black gum in or near the head of s.d. small branch in the field Right Carrys corner then with his line as S 14° Et 32 poles to a post on the road then down and with the road N 78° Et 13 3/4° poles to a persimmon tree on south edge of the road then S 12° Et 68 poles to a black gum by head of Chambers branch then down the run of s.d. Chambers branch as it meanders about 80 poles to the same of the mill branch then down the run of the Mill branch as it meanders about 90 poles to a sweet gum down and pointers on the south side of the run of the Mill branch about 30 yards below the big path or ford then S 78° Et 21 poles to a hickory on the s. of the spring branch then up the run of said spring branch as it meanders about 60 poles to a persimmon tree & white oak now dead on the run of said spring branch then with Fredk Grantham's line N 80° W 14 poles to a black jack the corner then with his other line S 62° W 150 poles to a black jack down on the old meeting house road then S 40° Et 37 1/2° poles to

pine Jesse Jennings corner then with his line N 51° Et 217 poles to a stake and pointers his other corner then his other line S 38° Et 75 poles to a stake and persimmon back by a pine stump near the Sally Turkey Mill then S 8° W 25 poles to a pine stump then N 33° Et 15 poles to a pine on the north side of the west prong of the reedy branch then down the run of s.d. West prong as it meanders about 120 poles to a water oak at the mouth or fork of the Reedy Branch then down the run of the Reedy branch as it meanders about 80 poles to a water oak at the mouth on the run of the Mile branch then up the run of Mile branch as it meanders to the first station containing as aforesaid 327 acres also I give to my said son Barnabas one horse bridle and saddle to the value of eighty dollars by the opinion of my executor hereafter named

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Whitley Grantham his heirs & assigns forever two hundred and ninety four and 3/4 acres of land on the south side of Mile creek and bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at a stake on the run of the Wise branch in Thomas Tolers line and runs with his & Stevens line south 70° Et 42 poles to a pine by the Wise Marsh Stevens corner then with his line N 46° Et 46 1/2° poles to a red oak down and a chinguspin tree his other corner then with and along ~~Stevens~~ other line S 30° Et 86 poles to a pine his other corner then with his other line S 80° Et 45 poles to a stake the dividing corner ^{made} between s.d. Whitley and Bowden Grantham then with the dividing line S 9° Et 37 poles to a stake on the north edge of the road then up the road S 58° W 70 poles to a small hickory on the south edge of the road Barnabas corner then with his line up & along with the road as S 71° W 81 poles against s.d. Whitley Grantham house then south 79° W 129 poles to a stake on the road Barnabas corner then with his other line N 39° poles to a stake his other corner then his other line S 78° West 9 1/2° poles to a stooping black gum on the run of the small branch then down the meanders of the same to the mouth at the run of the wise branch then down the meanders of the wise branch to the first station containing 294 3/4 acres also I give to my said son Whitley all the property that I have heretofore given him

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Bowden Grantham his heirs and assigns forever three hundred and seventy four acres of land on both sides of the road & north side of Mile branch and bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at a large black gum on the run of Rooghen branch and runs with Stevens line N 22° Et 79 1/4 poles to a stake the corner near the head of the Marsh thence N 51° W 81 poles to a black jack on the road the corner then N 12° Et 60 poles to a pine stump the old corner then N 80° W 43 1/2° poles to a stake the dividing corner between said Bowden Grantham & Whitley Grantham then with the dividing line as S 9° Et 37 poles to a stake on the road then at

the road 35+41-poles to a small Hickory on the south edge of the road Barnabas comes then with his line 257 poles to a post oak in an old field the corner then with his other line 283 41-80-poles to a stake and small pine by the fence the corner then down a bottom with the other line 260 41-113-poles to a pine the corner then his other line 21 41-95-poles to a maple his corner on the run of Mile branch (about 50 yards below the big path or road) then down the meander of the mile branch to the mouth of the hogpen branch then up the run of the hogpen branch as it meanders to the first station (containing 374 acres) also I give to the said Borden G. Grantham one horse bridle and saddle of the value of eighty dollars by the opinion of my executor hereafter named also one bed & furniture.

Fifty I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Morris one negro girl named Morenda and her increase to her the said Mary her heirs and assigns forever also I give to my said daughter Mary Morris all the property that I have heretofore given her also one half of a negro girl named Fillis.

Sixty I give and bequeath to my daughter Dicey Grantham one negro girl named Maliza and her increase to the said Dicey her heirs or assigns forever also I give to the said Dicey the other half of negro girl Fillis also one bed & furniture one horn & gear one chest and twenty dollars in money.

Seventy My will and desire is that all the residue & balance of my property not heretofore above given away to be sold by my executors on a six months credit & the money arising from the sale thereof after paying all my just debts legally divided between my five children namely Barnabas, Willy, Whitley, Dicey and Borden to them and their heirs or assigns forever.

Lastly I constitute nominate and appoint my trusty friend Borden Grantham (my son) executor to this my last will & testament disannulling and making void all other wills & testaments by me made satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Frederick Grantham hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day of — signed, sealed & acknowledged in the presence of — interlined with the words his heirs or assigns forever in the 14 line.

Wright Casey

Amos Grantham

Frederick Grantham (seal)

February Term 1839. Then was the foregoing will admitted to probate in open court by the evidence of Kinich Grantham a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded

Will of Amos Austin

State of North Carolina

Johnston County,

Known all men by these presents that I Amos Austin being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows

Item 1st It is my desire that my body shall have a decent interment according to the wishes of my friends and that my funeral expenses be paid.

Item 2nd It is my desire that all my just debts be paid by my executor

Item 3rd I have to my beloved wife Elizabeth Austin all of my property both real and personal that is left after paying all my just debts after her death I give the same to my beloved children Amy, Leticia, Mary, Thomas, Elizabeth, Rachel & Louisa to be divided agreeable to law.

Item 4 I constitute and appoint my friend William T. Roberts my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Amos Austin do hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of January A.D. 1845.

Signed sealed published & declared

by the said Amos Austin to be his

last will and testament in the

presence of us who at his request in

his presence and in the presence of each

other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Wm. T. Roberts.

Jerse Mellons.

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Session

Johnston County } February Term 1845

Then was the foregoing will duly proven in open court by the oath of Wm. T. Roberts and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley