

Will of Frederick Reaves.

In the name of God Amen. the 28th day of August 17
 I Frederick Reaves of Johnston County in the state of North
 Carolina, Planter, being very sick and weak of body but of
 perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore
 calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that
 it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain
 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 who gave it and my body I recommend to the
 earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial 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
 as touching my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to
 bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in
 the following manner and form ~~namely~~,

First I lend during her natural life to Betty my dearly beloved
 wife one bay mare named Peggy two cows and calves and two
 year old heifer one two year old steer and five two years old
 hogs one sow and five pigs also all my household furniture consisting
 of bed, loom and plantation tools with all my ready money now
 in hand and note against Alexander Smith for three pounds
 12 shillings all the rest of my estate real and personal.
 I give and bequeath unto my children and to be sold and
 the money arising to be equally divided among them, to wit,
 Lydia Hartwell and Cynthia and if my wife should have
 another child within the space of nine months from the date
 hereof that same shall inherit and equal share with the
 rest of my children that is already named. I do likewise
 constitute make and ordain my beloved wife Betty executor
 and John Stevens executor of this my last will and testament
 and do hereby actually disallow revoke and disannull all and
 every other former wills and testaments. Legacies & bequests
 executed by me in any ways before named and satisfying
 and confirming this and no other to be my last will and
 testament. In witness whereof I have therewith set my
 hands and seal the day and year above written signed sealed
 pronounced declared by the said Frederick Reaves to be his
 last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers

witnesses
 Alex Arny
 William Arny

Frederick Reaves