

Griggery Celley Will

In the Name of God Amen - I Griggery Celley of the County of Johnston and Parish of St Stephens being very sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory being to mind that is appointed for all men once to die - I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to be buried after a Christian manner - to the discretion of my Executors whom I shall mention hereafter in & in witness I give and bequeath to my son John my Gray horse name Prince and four head of Cattle

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary five head of Cattle and it is my will and I do bequeath to my dear beloved wife, Rachel Celley my Plantation I now live on during her life and it is my will that after her decease that the lands should be equally divided betwixt my two sons John and Charles -

Item I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Rachel Celley seven head of Cattle and eleven pounds and a half of Pewter and my young mare named Precious and it is my will that my son Charles shall have the first Colt that she brings

Item I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Rachel Celley five head of Sheep and it is my will that all my old hogs that is fit for market to be sold to take out a Debt for my land and to pay all my just debts and it is my will that the remainder of my Pewter to be divided betwixt my three Children John, Charles and Mary and the remainder of my sheep betwixt my wife and one pair

Item I give and bequeath to my son Charles four head of Cattle

Item I give and bequeath to my son John my writing saddle

Item I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Rachel Celley the rent of my Calves that I have not willed away after my just debts are paid and funeral Expenses as a legacy and I do appoint and constitute my wife Rachel Celley my Executrix in full and my son John Executor with her this my last will and testament avoiding all other made before as Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of November And Done 1762 - signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Malachi Hinton
Demey Hinton
Mechell Rogers

Griggery Celley
Test Robert Paine

Bill Johnson Will

In the Name of God Amen - this thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty three - I Bill Johnson of Johnston County being of perfect sense and memory do make this my last will and testament.

I devise that my well beloved wife Elizabeth Johnson my present and by the manner Plantation during her natural life time only by the will expressed and all the land belonging to the same below the spring branch

Item And after her decease I give the same to my son Benjamin Johnson to him and his heirs for ever

Item I also give to my son Absalom Johnson the remainder part of all Wood to him and his heirs forever

Item I also lend to my well beloved wife as she said all my real and personal estate during her natural life and after her decease to be equally divided amongst all my children but desire that she may sell as much of the perishable estate as she shall think fit.

I do also appoint my beloved wife as executrix my love and sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Bill Johnson Seal

John McCallister
Thomas Johnson

Given Oct 21st 1762