

Will of Jacob Duck

In the name of God Amen, November the 19th day in the year of our Lord Christ 1794. I Jacob Duck of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina, being at the time in a low situation of health but in my senses thanks be to God, for it therefore calling to mind the estate and mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men ^{men} to die I do constitute make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say personally and first of all after this life ended I give and becomend my soul unto the hands of God that give it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian and decent like manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned nothing doubting but at the last general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as to such worldly estate wherewith I have pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose in the following manner that is to say

To my beloved wife Sarah Duck I give and bequeath one bedstead bed and furniture five sows and eighteen pigs to be hers forever, and two hundred ~~acres~~ acres of land including the plantation wherein we now live during her life or widowhood also two Pots and hooks four pewter plates, two pewter basins one dish and nine spoons during her life or widowhood.

To my loving son John Duck I give two negro boys the one named Jim and the other Simpson one smooth iron gun, one pair of smith bellows tongs and stoke

To my loving daughter Lidia I give one negro woman named Jimkey with this observe that the first living child of the said Jimmy has to belong to my daughter Penny and the next living child to belong to my daughter Betsy also one bed and bedstead.

To my loving daughter Mary Duck I give one negro boy named Silas observing this that if the said Mary dies with out and her the said negro Silas to be sold and the money he purchases to be divided among the rest four oldest daughters.

To my daughters Penny Duck and Betsy Duck each of them a cow and yearling apple and a feather bed to be equally divided between them. To my daughter Miller I give ten shillings.

To my son James I give ten shillings. To my daughter Elizabeth

I give ten shillings I also give all that is coming to me by heirship to my wife Sarah Duck and her children also to my daughter Penny Duck one mare bridle and saddle likewise to my daughter Betsy Duck two cows and yearlings and two hieffers, now as to the rest of my property that is not yet mentioned before also two hundred acres of land to be sold and the money obtained by the sale of same to be put to the use of paying my debts and if any remainder after such payments such remainder to be equally divided among my children I also make and constitute my son John Duck also my friend James Pinnant my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannull and every other testament will and legacies or executors by me in any wise before this time named satisfying and confirming 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 by the said Jacob Duck as his last will and testament in presence of us

Jacob Price
J. Nicholas

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