

James Farmers Will

In the name of God Amen the first day of June in the year of our Lord 1766 I James Farmer of the County of Johnston and Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory sheweth to & god therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body but of perfect mind 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 body into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my executors Nothing doubting but the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with in this life. I give devise and dispose of in manner and form following

1st It is my will and I so order that in the first place all my just debts be paid and satisfied

2nd I leave the plantation whereon I now live with one hundred acres of land to my well beloved wife during her natural life on the south side of Neuse River

3rd I give to my son John Farmer One hundred acres of land on the north side Neuse River and adjoining Red Carters corner at the beginning running on the said line ^{thence} ~~thence~~ across the said river to him and his heirs forever

4th I give to my son James Farmer One hundred acres of land lying on the north side Neuse River Beginning at a history on the said River then running to Red Carters line thence down the said line and then to the River for Amplement to him and his heirs forever

5th I give to my son Shos Farmer One hundred acres of land lying on the north side Neuse River being part of the same survey before mentioned to him and his heirs forever

6th I give my son Aschell One hundred acres of land lying on the north side Neuse River the corner end of the said tract land to him and his heirs forever

7th I give my son Benjamin Farmer One hundred acres of land beginning at James Farmers line to adjoining John Farmers cross line and running down said line then across the said line for Amplement to him and his heirs forever

8th I give to my son Nis Farmer One hundred acres of land lying on the north side of Neuse River it being a part of a tract granted to James Farmer adjoining Benjamin Farmers at being the lower end of the said tract of land to him and his heirs forever

9th I give to my well beloved wife One horse named Smoother and one horse named Doby and one mare name Pleasure to her and her heirs forever

10th I give to my son John Farmer one bay mare with her increase all ready received to him and his heirs forever

11th I give to my son James Farmer one said bay mare with her increase all ready received to him and his heirs forever

12th I give to my son Shos Farmer one bright bay mare with a blaze in her face and all her increase to him and his heirs forever

13th I give to my son Benjamin Farmer one bright bay mare and all and all her increase to him and his heirs forever

14th I give to my son Nis Farmer one black mare named Chauncy with her increase to him and his heirs forever

15th I give to my son Aschell one black mare named Flowers and her increase to him and his heirs forever

16th I give my son William one dove colored horse named Dolphin or the value in money to him and his heirs forever

17th I give to my daughter Mary Farmer one bay horse with a star in his face or the value of the said horse in money to her and her heirs forever

18th I give to my daughter Sarah Farmer one horse or the value in money to her and her heirs forever

19th I give my well and beloved wife seven cows and calves to her and her heirs forever

20th I give all the rest of my estate to be equally divided among my children my John Smith Junr and Benj Raloff

21st I give to my well beloved wife her first choice of a bird and my son John his second choice of a bird and the other two birds with their young to her and her heirs forever

22nd I give to my son John Farmer one Ruffle barrel to him and his heirs forever

23rd I give to my son James Farmer one smother gun to him and his heirs forever

24th I give my son Thomas Farmer one Ruffle gun to him and his heirs forever

25th My desire is there may be a sufficing of pork for the family and the coming year
26th It is my desire that all my merchandise to be sold and my debts satisfied out of that money and after my debts paid I desire the remaining part of the money to be equally divided amongst my wife and children and the remaining part of the money to be equally divided amongst my wife and children like wise

27th I give all the rest of my personal estate to my well beloved wife Mary Farmer to her and her heirs forever

28th My desire is that all my children may be free and at their borders at the age of sixteen.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Mary Farmer and my son John Farmer Executors to this my last will and testament and do acknowledge this to be my last will and testament signed and sealed in the presence of you James Farmer (Seal)

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1766
James Farmer
Benj Raloff
John Smith Junr
Thomas Farmer
Shos Farmer
Aschell Farmer
Benjamin Farmer
Nis Farmer

North Carolina, June Court 1761
Johnston County, Present His Maj^{ty} Justices

There was the within will proved by the oaths of Elizabeth Porter and Daniel Green and admitted to be recorded and Mary his wife qualified as Executrix

Test Robert Rains C.C.

And after her death I give the lands plantation and land afore mentioned to my son William Farmer and the said land

Examined by R. R. Cl

John Farmer's Will

In the name of God Amen. The 26th day of December in the year of our Lords One thousand seven Hundred and sixty. I John Farmer of the County of Johnston and Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but perfect mind and memory have begiven unto God for the soul and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do hereby give this my last will and testament that is to say firstly and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my bod I recomend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Ex^{rs} nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following, that is to say.

I give and bequeath to my loving Brother James Farmer Two young black mares branded thus F in one letter

I give to my loving Brother Thos Farmer one bay horse with a bald face branded with the same brand

I give to my loving Brother Benjamin Farmer a sorrell mare

I give and bequeath unto my loving Brother Mrs. One sorrell mare with a stream down her face

I give and bequeath unto my loving Sister Mary One hundred acres of land lying and being on the North side of Neuse River in the County of Granville adjoining the marsh and a black mare and all at also I desire that all the rest of my goods and chattels Hogs and Cattle be equally divided amongst my loving Brethren and Sisters above named after my debts now due are paid also I leave my loving Brother James and Benjamin Butcher my Executors of this my last will and Testament willed and bequeathed Ratifying 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 year and day above written. Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Farmer as his last will and testament in the presence of us the underscore

Pilegro Salisbury
Elizabeth Porter
Daniel Smith Jun^r

John 3 Farmer

Seal

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There was this will proven by the oaths of Pilegro Salisbury and Elizabeth Porter subscribing witnesses and admitted to record and Benjamin being a Quaker and appointed Overseer to said Will Qualified according to said by taking solemn affirmation. Ordered that said Overseer have power to sell the personal part of said estate

Phillip Jones Will

In the Name of God Amen. This the ninth day of March in the year of Christ One thousand seven Hundred and sixty. I Phillip Jones of Johnston County in North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do hereby give this my last will and testament in the form and manner following- viz-

I desire that my general rights in celebration and fruit I give my brother James Jones and to his heirs and assigns for ever in Consideration of Divers debts that I stand justly indebted to him to the value of Eighty pounds Virginia Money all my lands and other estates real and personal with the following Limitations and Provisions First off any other debts arise against my estate or any Joynter or Dowry from or by my Creditors or Creditors with Children or any other person or persons whatsoever that any such person or persons being dissatisfied with this will may have election to enforce my said estate to be sold at public Vendue and after the said Eighty pounds Virginia Money is paid or raised the surplusage of my estate first with regard to the charges may be applied to the payment of any other debts the still surplusage to be divided amongst my wife and Children in the same proportion as are in testate estate and I do hereby appoint my said Brother James Jones my only and sole Executor of this my last will and testament I declare this and no other to be my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of

John 3 Farmer
Pilegro Salisbury
Elizabeth Porter
Daniel Smith Jun^r
Seal
He with wife and children were present when admitted to be recorded and ordered to be signed by the Overseer as Executor

James Jones
G. R. Farmer

Phillip Jones Seal