

## Will of Godfrey Stansell Sr

In the name of God Amen I Godfrey Stansell Sr of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but knowing that my earthly existence must soon terminate do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form (viz)

- First- I give and bequeath to my daughter Esolina Pearce one negro boy by name Isaac & one negro girl named Dicy to her & their lawful heirs forever.
- Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Stot one negro woman named Charity and her child named Monroe and one other boy named Jerry to her and her lawful heirs forever.
- Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Aycock two negro boys named Albert and Alfred to her and her heirs forever.
- Also I give and bequeath unto my son Godfrey Stansell two negro boys named Linson & Stephen to him and to have & hold forever.
- Also I give and bequeath unto my son Willie Stansell two negro boys named Joe & Medham and one negro man named Daniel and his wife Hannah and one boy named Ellick to have and to hold forever.
- Also I give to my two sons Godfrey & Willie Stansell two hundred and twenty acres of land the place whereon I now live to be equally divided between them the said Godfrey & Willie Stansell to them forever.
- Also I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Sarah Stansell the sum of one hundred dollars in cash.
- Also I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Meriah Stansell the sum of one hundred dollars in cash.
- And I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Godfrey Stansell & Willie Stansell executors to this my last will & testament in witness whereof I the said Godfrey Stansell Sr have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will & testament this the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 1855.
- Signed sealed & acknowledged  
in presence of us  
J. D. Kenyon

Johnston County Court

May Term 1855

Then was the execution of this paper writing duly proven as the last will & testament of Godfrey Stansell Sr by the oath & examination of J. D. Kenyon & ordered to be recorded & Godfrey & Willie Stansell to qualify as executors thereof.

## Will of James Godwin

I James Godwin of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following

- First- That my executors herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all expenses together with my just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come unto his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.
- Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Sally all of my perishable estate of inheritance to have and to hold during her natural life and then decease to be sold and equally divided between my four daughters to wit Mary and Elizabeth and Sara & Margaret.
- Item I give and devise to my eldest son Stephenson fifty cents current money
- Item I give and devise to my son Willie fifty cents current money
- Item I give and devise to my son Peter fifty cents current money
- Item I give and devise to my son Benjamin fifty cents current money

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Benjamin Woodard my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testament by me heretofore made. In witness whereof the said James Godwin do hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 day of July A.D. 1851

Signed sealed published & declared  
by the said James Godwin to be

James Godwin (Seal)  
mark

this last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

A. Coats

James R. Turlington

Johnston County Court February Term 1855

Then was the execution of the foregoing paper writing duly proven in open Court by the oath of A. Coats one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

J. D. Kenyon, Clerk