

## Will of James Gray Son

In the name of God Amen, I James Gray Sr of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory and mind, blessed be God to this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 18 make and attain this my last will and testament in form and manner following that is to say.

First I give my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors.

Item I lend and bequeath to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood the plantation wherein I now live including two hundred acres of land with my buildings and orchard and after her decease or widowhood I devise the said land with buildings and orchard to my beloved son Hartwell to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife my plantation tools also one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife my stock of cattle, hogs and sheep except such part as shall hereafter be mentioned to be and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife one negro woman named Rachel with her future increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one negro boy named Sam during her natural life and after her decease the said negro boy Sam to my beloved son Hartwell to him and his heirs forever.

Item I devise that after the decease or widowhood of my beloved wife that my beloved son Waver to have the sum of seventy five dollars which sum to be raised out of the stock above mentioned to him and his heirs forever.

Item I lend to my beloved daughter Lucy during her natural life one negro girl named Pook and after the decease of my daughter Lucy I devise that the said negro girl be sold at public vendue and be equally divided between all my children namely William, James, Waver & Hartwell to them and their heirs forever.

Item I lend to my beloved son William during his natural life one negro girl named Clarah with her increase and after his death I give and devise the said negro girl to my

beloved son Williams lawful children the said negro girl with her increase to the said children jointly names as follows, Mary Curtis, Elizabeth, Lebrisa and Nancy to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my <sup>beloved</sup> son one negro boy named Reddick to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my grandson Edwin Gray son of Waver Gray one negro boy named Parker to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Lucy the sum of five dollars to be paid after the decease of my beloved wife to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife my household and kitchen furniture except such part as shall be sufficient to pay the above sum of five dollars to her and her heirs forever and I do hereby make and order my beloved wife Mary with my son Hartwell executors to this my last will and testament in witnesses whereof I the said James Gray Sr have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above first written. Signed sealed published and declared by the said James Gray the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing of the same

William Taylor  
James Adams

James Gray (Seal)  
mark

Johnston County February term 1817  
Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded.  
D. Sanders C. C.