

Will of Samuel Godwin

In the name of God Amen this 1st day of May 1809 I Samuel Godwin of Johnston County North Carolina planter being through the mercy and goodness of Almighty God in a sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

First I give and bequeath unto my son Simon Godwin sixty silver dollars to him and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Jesse Godwin five silver dollars to him and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Arnold Godwin twenty silver dollars to him and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Godwin five silver dollars to him and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Morris five silver dollars to her and her heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my grandson Jesse Hodgekott five silver dollars to him and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Maria Peto five silver dollars to her and her heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Godwin Godwin all the land that I now possess nine hundred acres more or less including the plantation whereon I now live with all the dwelling houses and out houses thereupon standing together with all the appertainances thereto belonging. Also I do likewise give and bequeath unto my son the aforesaid Godwin Godwin all my goods and chattles and household property of whatsoever kind and quality they maybe and likewise all my stock of cattle sheep and hogs that are said to be my property and of my proper mark together with all working tools and farming utensils of whatsoever kind they may be. and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Samuel Godwin and Signal Peto full and sole executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all other former wills and bequests by me heretofore made and declaring this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year first above written in

Test-
Josiah Hinnant
William ^{to} Peto

Samuel Godwin seal

Johnston County February Term 1807

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded

R. Sanders C. S. C.

Will of Jesse Pearce

In the name of God Amen I Jesse Pearce of Johnston County being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God, calling to mind the mutability of my body do make this my last will and testament-

Item I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Pearce three negroes named Pomp, Agg and Mobe and one large chest one bed bedstead and furniture during her natural life also I lend the plantation and lands and tenements whereon I now live to her during her natural life and after the death of my wife Elizabeth the negro boy Mobe is to belong to my son Leary Pearce to him and his heirs forever and also after the death of my wife Elizabeth my land plantation lands and tenements whereon I now live is to belong to my beloved son Matthew Pearce to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved son Leary Pearce all that part of my lands below the Long branch on the north side of Little River and one negro girl called Peg and my blacksmiths tools and bellows and my part of the still to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved son William Pearce one negro boy called Mingo and one negro girl called by name Titel and two hundred acres of land lying on Little Creek near the little fork to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jesse Pearce one hundred acres of land on the road where he now liveth one negro boy by name Jim to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved son Asa Pearce all the lands above the long branch on the north side of Little River and one negro girl called Hammer to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved son Matthew Pearce one negro girl named Dot to him and his heirs forever and all the remaining part of my land that is not above mentioned to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved daughter Asprilla Flays one negro boy called Lyon to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Hains one feather bed and bolster and negro girl called Logd. and one negro boy called

Hardy to him and his heirs forever.

Item I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Pearce all the remaining part of my estate that is not above willed away during her natural life and after her death to belong to my heirs and to be equally divided between them and I do hereby appoint and constitute my beloved son Leary Pearce and Hardy Talton executors to this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament in witness whereunto I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 12th day of February 1807 signed in presence of us

Everett Pearce
Robert Esable
Thomas Garald

James G. Pearce (Real)

Johnston County February Term 1807

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded
R. Sanders C. L. C.

Will of William Brown

In the name of God Amen I William Brown of the State of North Carolina and Johnston County being of a sound mind and perfect understanding through the abundance mercy and goodness of God do constitute this my last will and testament and desire that it may be received by all as such

Item I humbly bequeath my soul unto God my maker who gave it and redeemed the same with the precious blood of Jesus Christ as to my worldly estate which God have given me I give in manner and form following,

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Brown his heirs and assigns forever two hundred acres of land one hundred acres on which he now lives and the other hundred acres adjoining being apart of the land I William Brown bought of Mason Horn

Item I give and demise to my daughter Martha Brown to her and her heirs forever forty seven acres of land including the buildings and plantation whereon I now live be the same made or less, beginning where the road crosses Barron Branch thence down said branch to a Buffalo swamp thence up the meanders of said swamp to a Black gum John Browns corner thence his line to a huckle in the Marsh branch thence William Hunicutt's line to the said road thence said road to the beginning also are feather bed and furniture and my riding beast one pewter dish and one baron

Item I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Brown induring her natural life or widowhood all the remaining part of my worldly estate and after her decease to be equally divided between all my sons and daughters and I do appoint John Brown and Elisha Sanders executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of September A.D. 1806. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us.

William ^{jun} Brown Sr. (Real)

William Hunicutt.
Mason Solomon.

Johnston County May Term 1807

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded.
R. Sanders C. L. C.