

Will of Elizabeth Wall

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Wall of Johnston County being of perfect sound mind and memory blessed be God do this 1st day of July 1856 make & publish this my last will and testament in manner as follows

First It is my will and desire that my executor herein after named have my body decently buried and pay all of my just debts.

Second I give and bequeath to my nephew John R. Wall of the property both real and personal that I may be possessed with at my death to him and his heirs forever.

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my said nephew John R. Wall executor to this my last will and testament &c. Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator in presence of

us witnesses.
W. T. Robertson.
R. N. Gully.

Elizabeth Wall ^{mark} *(initials)*

Johnston County Court

February Term 1857

Then was this paper writing duly proven in open court by the oath & examination of W. T. Robertson and Robert N. Gully to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Wall and ordered to be recorded.

J. H. Kennedy clk

Will of John Batten.

State of North Carolina Johnston County.

In the name of God Amen I John Batten in consideration of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death have thought it necessary to make this my last will & testament (viz)

I leave and bequeath to my dear wife Patience Batten all of my household & kitchen furniture during her lifetime or widowhood and then to Caroline & Nancy Batten

I also give all of my corn and pork now in hand to the said Patience Batten, Nancy Batten is to be made up equal with Caroline and then the balance of my property to be equally divided between Caroline & Nancy Batten my two youngest daughters

I also give to my wife all of my cotton and potatoes crop now on hand

I also bequeath to the said Patience Batten all of my land her natural lifetime or widowhood and after the death of my said Patience Batten or otherwise at her marriage I want my land divided equally among all of my children and for Caroline to have her proportionable part adjoining the land and where she now lives and I further request that after the death of the said Patience Batten or the marriage of the same that all of my perishable estate should be equally divided between Caroline and Nancy Batten my two youngest children

I also bequeath to wife Patience Batten all of my working tools and my fodder one cow and calf & one cow and calf to Nancy Batten. I further give to my wife one sow and pigs & to .. Batten one sow and pigs to my wife I give two ewes and lambs & all of my dry hogs to my wife Patience Batten. I further leave and bequeath to my wife Patience Batten one mare whose name is Raven with my saddle and bridle and I do further request that all my just debts should be paid & the residue of my property should be equally divided between the children I had by my first wife the above bequests & property above mentioned comprising the whole of my estate & I here acknowledge this to be my last will & testament signed sealed in the presence of us.

this August 18th 1852

John Batten ^{mark} *(initials)*

A. Talton
John W. Brown

I leave James H. Batten executor to my last will and testament.

Johnston County Court

February Term 1857

Then was this paper visiting duly proven in open court by the oaths of H. Tallon & John M. Brown to First be the last will and testament of John Batten Sr and ordered to be recorded.

J. H. Kennedy clk.

Will of Phoebe McLamb

I Phoebe McLamb of the County of Johnston & 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 that is to say

That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debt hereover and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Spicy McLamb the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid by my executor within two years from the time of my death out of my money belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of.

Item I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Phoebe McLamb the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid by my executor herein after named in the above bequests.

Item I give and bequeath to Spicy & Phoebe McLamb two choice beds and all my clothing and all the bed clothing that I shall leave on hand at my death and all the spun cotton included and cloth to the same to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item My will and devise is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devised and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in equal proportions share and share alike to them and each and every one of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Nathan Tatt for my lawful executor to all intents and 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