

Will of Reubin Perry

In the name of God Amen I Reubin Perry of Johnston County and the State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 18th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

Item I give and bequeath unto my Elizabeth Perry one negro woman by the name of Courtney and all my land and tenements including Ott's one hundred and fifty acres of land which I bought of Isaac Kinkadee on which I now live and have given said lands in deed of gift to my son Reubin Godwin.

I also give unto my wife Elizabeth one horse and saddle two cows and calves and her third of the perishable property and household property during of her life and widowhood. I also give unto my wife Elizabeth one bed and furniture.

Item I also give unto my two sons Bigdon Perry also Godwin the remainder of my lands and tenements setting aside the land and tenements on which I now live which I have given to my beloved son Reubin Godwin including and my household and perishable property the whole to be equally divided between my two sons Reubin Perry and Alex Godwin including the negro woman Courtney after my wife Elizabeth's death or widowhood including Courtney's increase should she have any to go to my two beloved sons Bigdon Perry and Alex Godwin and I do hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Jesse Wall and William Wilbourn executors of this my last will and testament. In witness I the said Reubin Perry have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Reubin Perry the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were

witness
Will Wilbourn
Theopholus ^{his} Beddingfield.

Reubin Perry (Seal)

Will of John Caswell

In the name of God Amen I John Caswell of the County of Johnston in the State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health but of sound and disposing mind and memory for which I am truly thankful to the great and wise disposer of all events do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows (to wit)

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Sally Caswell wife of Mitchell Caswell fifty five dollars in cash.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Lucy Caswell wife of William Caswell fifty five dollars in cash one feather bed and one woman's saddle

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Delilah House wife of Warren House one negro boy named Salisbury now in their possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath my daughter Susanna Griffith wife of Laban Griffith one negro girl named Abria now in their possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Winifred Johnson wife of Willis Johnson one negro boy named Handy now in their possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Benjamin Caswell one negro girl named Lancy now in his possession to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Mathew Caswell two hundred acres of land lying in said County on the waters of Middle Creek to be taken off the southern part of a tract of land I purchased of Jonathan Austin one negro boy by the name of Frank one bay filly my new saddle to him his heirs and assigns forever, also one feather bed bedstead and furniture.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Messill Caswell two hundred acres and twenty five acres of land being the remaining part of the aforesaid tract by me purchased of said Jonathan Austin and out of which I have given to my son Mathew Caswell two hundred acres two negro boys named Jo and Abria

to him and his heirs forever and one feather bed bedstead and furniture

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Ransom Carroll the land and plantation whereon I now live containing about three hundred acres also one small tract of land I have lying on Spring Creek on the south side thereof adjoining the lands of James Johnson and Sterling Johnson two negro boys named Bob and Charles and one feather bed bedstead and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever and also one mare colt call his.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Carroll one woman's saddle one feather bed bedstead and furniture two negro girls named Tiller and James to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Myrta Carroll one negro woman named Chloe, two negro girls named Rose and Minty one woman's saddle one bed bedstead and furniture to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Myrta Carroll all my stocks of cattle my two work steers and cart all my stock of sheep all my out hogs all my fattening hogs except five of the best of them which is to be sold they being first droyed into bacon forty barrels of corn her choice, all my fodder including corn shucks all my plantation tools of every kind all my geese, turkeys and fowls, my bay horse and gray filly my cider casks all my household and kitchen furniture four feather beds bedsteads and furniture and I hereby lend unto my said wife during her widowhood or natural life the land and plantation whereon I now live notwithstanding the bequest of the same to my son Ransom Carroll but should she marry, then and in that case she is not to have any further use or benefit of said land and plantation but her as aforesaid. I also give to my wife part of a barrel of peach brandy.

And it is further my will and desire that all my estate of every kind not heretofore willed away be sold at six months credit and the money arising therefrom to be applied to the payments of the aforesaid legacies (to wit) fifty five dollars each to Sally Carroll and Doney Carroll and bed bedstead and furniture except those given to my wife, any should ^{be} remaining sum or sums of money after the payment of all my just debts and settling of my estate the same is to be applied towards the education of my four youngest children and it is to be here by understood that my Tennessee land which fell to me by the death of my brother Benjamin Carroll be included in the aforesaid

said last-mentioned sale. And I hereby constitute and appoint my friends Simon Turner and Reubin Sanders executors of this my last will and testament revoking and making null and void all and every other wills and testaments by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and only this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said John Carroll have to this my last will and testament set my hand and ^{affix} seal the 11th day of

November A.D. 1814.
Signed sealed published and
declared by the testator in presence

of
Jmo McCullers
Brittian Barber
David ^{his} Dodd

John ^{his} Carroll (Seal)