

Will of John Carter.

Blessed be God that I am able to make this my last will and testament in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three December 6th in the form and manner following to wit:

Article 1st

I give and bequeath to my son John E. Carter the land called the Durdin tract of land.

Article 2

I give and bequeath to my wife Rildia Carter the land where I now live her life time and then to my daughter Charity Carter and then after her decease to the heirs of her body.

Article 3

I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly and James Scotland one peice of land lying in the County of Wayne in which they now have in possession and three negroes namely Cherry and Faitha & Aphley.

Article 4

I give the ballance of my negroes to my son John E. Carter and my daughter Charity to be equally divided between them both to them and their lawful heirs at the age of twenty one years.

Article 5

I give and bequeath to my wife Rildia Carter all the ballance of my property to her for life time and then to my son John E. Carter and Charity Carter my daughter to be equally divided between them.

My desire here is that William Rains and Willie Scott be executors to this my last will and testament in the manner and form above mentioned and concluded

In presence of us
Witnesses

Haywood Rains
Josiah Oliver
John Rains Jr.

John Carter Seal
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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Columbin County } February Term A.D. 1854
The foregoing and within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Carter deceased is exhibited in open court for probate by William Rains one of the executors therein named the due execution thereof by the said John Carter is proven by the oath & examination of Haywood Rains and Josiah Oliver two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing or every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said J. Carter and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed & therefore the said William Rains are as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law
John R. Kennedy clerk

Will of Allen D. Johnson.

I Allen D. Johnson of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in declining health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following

Item 1st

I give and bequeath to my wife Penny one bed and furniture one chest one table one pot one pair and one gridiron to her and her heirs forever also five dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item 2nd

I give and bequeath to my son Merrick B. Johnson one parcel more two cows & three yearlings also all my stock of hogs also I give and bequeath to my said son M. B. Johnson my two negro women Silvia & Phillis both now very old and likely to become a charge in consideration of which it is my will for him to have two hundred dollars to him and his heirs to be paid out of the monies or debts which may be due.

Item 3rd

It is my will that the ballance and residue of my property not herein enumerated be sold and the monies arising therefrom be equally divided between all my children viz Merrick, Henry Willis and Elizabeth to them and their heirs forever.

Item 4th

I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Almazey Heritage the sum of one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item 5th

It is my will the ballance and residue of my effects of whatever nature money debts and all just claims be collected and after paying all my just debts be equally divided between my three sons Merrick B. Johnson, Henry Johnson & Willis Johnson to them and their heirs. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13 day of May A. D. 1854. Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
Allen D. Johnson Seal

John Johnson Jr.
P. S. Morgan } Penny Johnson comes into open court & in her proper person enters her assent to the last will and testament of A. D. Johnson deceased her late husband

Johnston County Court August Term 1854. Then was the paper writing produced in open court and offered for probate & was duly proven by the oath of John Johnson Jr one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded & filed John R. Kennedy