

February 5th 1814

Will of John Eason

In the name of God Amen I John Eason of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but in perfect mind and senses do make this my last will and testament first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife — Eason the plantation wherein I now live and the one the other side of the bridge adjoining the creek during her natural life a widow hood and also three negroes known by name of Joe, Judy and Lott also a sufficient quantity of household and kitchen furniture to be had of by my after named executor in the second place I give to my three sons John, Henry and Thomas Eason all my lands lying on the waters of Middle Creek or on the creek and all my other land to be sold and the money divided between my daughters Sally Whittington, Temperance Eason Harriet Eason I wish all the hands to stay together this year and then hired out until the heirs comes of age each heir may draw their part as soon as they come of age I wish my wife to have a sufficiency of cattle stock and two bidsteads of as before mentioned at the end of twelve months I wish all the residue of my property sold except what shall be allotted my wife and equally divided between my children lastly I appoint my trusty friends Henry Bryan and James Vinson executors to this my last will and testament.

John Eason (Seal)

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James Dupree for

Johnston County, February term 1814

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

P. Sanders C. C.

Will of Isaac Gerald

North Carolina Johnston County. In the name of God Amen. I Isaac Gerald of Johnston County being very sick and weak in health of body but of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do make and enact this to be my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form,

First: I lend my negro by the name of Isaac to my beloved wife Mary the plantation wherein I now live and half the land that I possess during her natural life also I give and bequeath to my beloved Mary one horse baidle and saddle and two plow horses and two plow and gees and two waddinghoses and one feather bed and furniture and all my hogs and all my cattle and half my sheep and my geese and the trunk and all my pewter and my bowls, plates and cards and chairs to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Delany Hall ten shillings to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Enos Gerald one cross cut saw and two augurs, two chisels, one hand saw and drawing knife and taper bit one adze and after the decease of my wife I give the above lent negro boy Isaac to my son Enos Gerald to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Matilda Wilkinson one feather bed and furniture and I give to beloved daughter Matilda Wilkinson one half of the land that I now possess to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Miriam Gerald after the decease of my wife I give to my daughter Miriam Gerald the other half of my land including the plantation that I now live on to her and her heirs forever also I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Miriam Gerald one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

and all the rest part of my estate that is not above mentioned to be sold and after my worldly debts are paid and twenty dollars in money paid to my wife Mary Gerald