

Will of Willis Cole

In the name of God Amen I Willis Cole of Johnston County in the state of North Carolina being weak in body though of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item First I lend to my beloved wife Sarah Cole two hundred acres of land including the plantation and buildings whereon I now live also fifty four more acres more that pertain in my name for and during her natural life.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Sarah Cole one still one barrel of brandy and all my cider cask three feather beds five cows and calves two mares and one colt three sows and pigs twenty five year old hogs sixty brand corn three blades stacks and three top stacks of fodder her choice ten head of sheep her choice one weaving loom and gear one cart and wheels two wooden wheels and one linen wheel all the pewter and crockery ware and knives and forks all the pots and hangers dutch head trays and bowls two flasks hoes and two cutter ploughs and frames two pair two gear two chest one table and all sitting chairs all the tubs pail and piggins and all the working tools one pair of flat irons five tongs and shovel all the popatoes and cotton one bofat fifteen geese for and during her natural life

Item My will and devise is that all the rest of my land not lent to my wife be sold at a credit of twelve months also all the rest of my perishable property to lent to my wife to be sold at a six month credit and the money arising therefrom (the sale) after paying all my just debts be equally divided amongst my children

My will and devise is that the lands and other property lent to my wife after her decease be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof be equally divided amongst my children I do hereby make and ordain my friend Henry Stevens & Nicolas Roke executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Willis Cole have to this my last will and testament set my hand & seal the day and date above written

Signed sealed published & declared in the presence of us
Francis Hensell
James Roke Esq

Willis Cole Seal

Will of John Gerald

John Gerald of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory do this 27th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say,

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elbe Gerald my chair bed and furniture side saddle and chest.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Nancy Andrews five dollars to be payed in money

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Patsy Gerald five dollars to be paid in money.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Edny Futchell five dollars to be paid in money.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my beloved son Gibson Gerald all my lands my negro woman named Lina and her increase my stocks of all kind my crop household and kitchen furniture not heretofore mentioned farming utensils & blacksmith tools I also lend to my beloved son Gibson Gerald one negro man named Isaac one negro boy named Jack during his natural life and after his death to be sold and the money arising from the sale of said negro to the heirs lawfully begotten by his body.

I leave one negro man named Wright one boy named Curtis one boy named Ruffin one negro girl Chilly and one negro boy Henderson to be sold after my death and after paying all and lawful debts out of the money arising from the sale of said negro the balance if any I give and bequeath to my beloved son Gibson Gerald and his heirs forever also all my property not herein mentioned I leave to be sold after my death and after paying all my just and lawful the money to my beloved son Gibson Gerald and his heirs lawfully begotten by his body forever.

I leave to Patsy Godwin one feather bed without furniture And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend Gibson Gerald, John Rains Esq and Oliver Rains executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John Gerald have to this my last will & testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed published & declared by the said John Gerald as his last will and testament in the presence of us
James A. T. Surmel
James H. Hume

John Gerald Seal

File of John Gerald's estate
This was the will duly sworn to
in court and attested by
J. R. Hensell Clerk

File of the testator's estate
This was the will duly sworn to
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