

### Will of Samuel Cockrell

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Cockrell of the State of North Carolina and County of Johnston being in a low state of health but in perfect mind and memory blessed be God for his mercies do this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord, 1810 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First My will and wish is that all my just debts is paid and after my debts is paid my will is that I lend to my beloved wife Martha Cockrell all the lands and possessions that I am now possessed of also all my stock of horses cattle hogs sheep and household and kitchen furniture and all the rest of my estate be it of what soever kind or nature it may be

I lend to my beloved wife Martha during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or second marriage I give to my beloved children William Cockrell Jacob Cockrell, Wilson Cockrell Samuel and Fina Cockrell and one that my wife is now I think child with to be equally divided amongst them children and I therefor appoint my beloved wife Martha and William Hinnant to my whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1810.

Signed sealed & delivered  
in the presence of us.

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Moses M. Garner  
Josiah <sup>mark</sup> Bayle

State of North Carolina } February Term 1811  
Johnston County } then was the above  
will exhibited in open court which was duly  
proven and admitted to record  
A. Sanders Clk

### Will of John Gerald, Jr

North Carolina.

In the name of God Amen I John Gerald, Jr of Johnston County being sick and weak in body but of perfect sound sense and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind, the mortality of mankind knowing all men are bound to die I do therefore make this my last will and testament and of all my worldly goods which it hath pleased the Almighty God to bless me with in this life

I give and bequeath in manner (and form) following of all I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to be buried in a decent manner and after all my worldly debts are paid I give the remainder as followeth,

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved two grand sons Gibson Gerald and Wiley Gerald the plantation I now dwell on and the land thereto to them and their heirs forever

Item Then I give and bequeath to my five beloved children Isaac Gerald, Patience Parker and Nancy Johnson, Thomas Gerald and John Gerald and their heirs forever all the rest part of my property that is not above mentioned to be equally divided between my above named five children.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved sons Thomas Gerald and John Gerald my executors and I do hereby disannull all manner of former wills whatsoever and do acknowledge this only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19 of April 1811.

In presence of us  
Jonathan Talton  
Jesse <sup>mark</sup> Pearce  
William <sup>mark</sup> Pearce

John <sup>mark</sup> Gerald (Seal)

Johnston County May Term 1811  
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