

Will of John Harfer.

I John Harfer of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say

First- That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that first comes into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Winnifred Harfer seven hundred and thirty acres of land including all of the lands that I am possessed of bounded by Alexander Meunns, Sir William Lassiter and others whereon I now live so as to include my mansion house and out houses and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Winnifred Harfer for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and third of and in all my real estate and then to be equally divided between my only son John D. Harfer and two daughters Ellen Harfer and Edwin V. T. Harfer

Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Winnifred Harfer three negroes one boy one girl & one woman to have and to hold to her the said Winnifred Harfer for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood and then to be equally divided between my only said son & two daughters.

Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Winnifred Harfer all of my beds and furniture and all of my household and kitchen furniture all of my horses all of the sheep all of the cattle all of the hogs all of the domestic fowls and poultry, all the crop of every description that may be upon the plantation whereon I now live and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death to have and to hold to her the said Winnifred Harfer for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood then to be divided between my said daughters.

Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Winnifred Harfer the family carriage one cart one prairie still and fixtures and all farming tools one set of blacksmith tools to

have and to hold to her the said Winnifred Harfer for and during the term of her natural or widowhood then to be equally divided between my said son and daughters.

Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Winnifred Harfer one shot gun her choice all of my money notes and accounts to have and to hold to her the said Winnifred Harfer for and during her natural life or widowhood then to be equally divided between my said son and daughters.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John D. Harfer two guns one rifle and one shot gun as his right and property forever. And lastly I do hereby ^{constitute} appoint my truly friend my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said John Harfer do hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of March A.D. 1860 Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Harfer to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Carroll Langdon
Major Dixon

John D. Harfer (Seal)

State of N. Carolina } Court of Magistrates
Johnston County } session May Term 1860

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Harfer deceased is exhibited for probate in open court and the due execution thereof by the said John Harfer is proven by the oath and examination of Carroll Langdon & Major Dixon the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John Harfer and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed.

Witness Thomas L. Sneed cee