

Will of Johnson Parrish.

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

Item That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends together with just debts whosoever and to whomsoever being out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Patty Parrish one hundred dollars bed and furniture to have and to hold to her the said Patty Parrish for and during the term of her natural life.

Item I give and devise to my youngest son John H. Parrish all this tract of land wherein I now live except the life estate of my wife one bed and furniture one year mare five years old one heifer to have and to hold to him his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item I give and devise to my youngest daughter Patsy Parrish the sum of fifty dollars bed and furniture cow and calf sow and pigs ewe and lambs which will make her of or and equitable portion according to what the rest of my children has had to her and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item I give and devise to my son James Parrish one bed and furniture to have and to hold to him his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me be collected and if there shall be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be divided equally and paid over to all my children in equal proportion share and share alike to them and each and every one of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly son Ransom Parrish 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 those wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness I the said Johnson Parrish do hereunto set my hand and seal this the third day of April A.D. 1857. Sealed signed published and declared by the said Johnson Parrish to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names witnesses thereto.

Moore Stephenson.
J. M. Stephenson.

Johnson Parrish (Seal)

Johnston County Court

May Term 1857

Then was this paper writing exhibited in open court and duly proven by the oaths and examinations of Moore Stephenson and J. M. Stephenson to be the last will and testament of Johnson Parrish deceased and ordered to be recorded and filed.

J. H. Kennedy clk