

Will of John Gurley

In the name of God, Amen, I John Gurley of Johnston County and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God, for the same do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say I give unto my son Lewis one cow and calf

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Lazarus five shillings

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jeremiah the land and plantation whereon I now live with the appertinances thereon belonging also my smiths tool.

Item I lend to my wife Elizabeth during her life all the rest of my personal estate of every kind whatsoever, and after the decease of my said wife Elizabeth I give unto my son George all the stock of cattle and horses that shall be left belong to my estate and as to the remainder of my estate after my said wife Elizabeth decease and payments of my debts and legacies aforesaid will and desire is that it be equally divided between my four sons namely Joel, Edward, Jeremiah and George. Lastly I do appoint my son Jeremiah whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 6th day of November 1794. Signed sealed published and pronounced by the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us

Leavin Vinson
Nathan Crawford,
West Vinson

John Gurley (seal)

Will of John Stancell Sr

In the name of God Amen, I John Stancell Sr of Johnston County and State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak but of perfect mind, and memory thanks be to God and calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament and whereas some of my children has received part of their legacies I desire that there should be an account taken of what they have received, to wit; Randolph Moore one hundred and fifty acres of land, and one feather bed, and John Duck one cow and calf and two ewes and lambs and one feather bed, and Polly Stancell one feather bed and one ewe and lamb I desire also that my land in Wake County be left with my executors to be sold to pay my debts after my debts is paid, all the rest of my property to be left to my beloved wife during her life then all of my property consisting of negroes and stock of every kind to be equally divided between all my children male and female whereunto I appoint to be my executors John Stancell Jr and Johnathan Stancell and Nathan Stancell as witness my hand, this 17th day of February 1795

John Stancell Sr (seal)

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Hidrick Hoopes.
Benjamin Hoopes.