

Will of Joshua Evans

In the name of God Amen, December twenty second one thousand eight hundred and one. I Joshua Evans of Johnston County being sick in body but in sound mind and memory thanks be to God for it and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say first of all I recommend my soul unto the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian like manner at the discretion of executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as to such estate as it hath pleased God to bestow me with in this life. I give demise and dispose of same in the following manner and form.

Item I lend and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Evans the land whereon I now live during her life or widowhood and then I give and bequeath the same land to my beloved son Jory Evans likewise I lend to my beloved wife Sarah Evans my riding mare likewise all my cattle and hogs and beds and furniture and in like manner all my household goods and furniture during her life or widowhood and in like manner I lend her all my working tools such as hoes and axes and all my corn and meat and fodder plus these within mentioned benefits to be to my beloved wife Sarah Evans during her life or widowhood and then after receiving my land as above mentioned to my beloved son Jory Evans the remainder of my estate I give and bequeath to my sons Ethelred Evans & Wright Evans to be equally divided.

Item I likewise constitute and appoint my trusty and loving friend Sarah Evans and John Holliman my sole executor and executrix of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disannull revoke disallow all and every former will or testament by me ^{anywise} made or named satisfying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament signed sealed published pronounced by the said Joshua Evans his last will and testament in presence of us.

Test
Mason H. Hain
Isaac H. Watson

Joshua Evans (Seal)

Johnston County August Term 1805
Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded. Do. Sanders C. J. D.

Will of John Wilder

In the name of God Amen I John Wilder of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak but in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of the Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath to Cally my beloved wife all my lands so long as she lives single and if she should marry then to have her dower laid as the law direct the same as though there had been no will the said dower to have and to hold unto her my well beloved wife so long as she lives together with all my household goods and movable effects except one bed to my beloved daughter Niecey and furniture to be delivered to her after she marries in case she should die before married the said bed and furniture to belong to my beloved son David. I also give to Cally my dearly beloved wife one bay mare named Bounce as her right and property to do as she pleases with also I give to my well beloved daughter Niecey sixty acres of land a part of the said land purchased by Robert Whittington lying rather to the north of said tract joining Joseph Frost's land, may be known by the old lines this to belong to her after the death or marriage of my wife but so long as she may live single she is to have the benefit and privilege of the land to do with as she may think proper but to maintain my two children until they become of age or marry also I give to her as much of my stock and crop as will plentifully support her and the family for one year also I give to her three cows and calves to apply to her own use and benefit so long as she lives the balance of my stock crop and horses to be sold and after paying my debts the balance after giving two hundred and seventy dollars to my daughter Niecey which is to make her part equal to my son David then if any remainder be left it is to be divided between my

two children the legacy of my son is as follows. Also I give to my beloved son David whom I likewise constitute make and ordain the sole executor of this my last will and testament the balance of my land after the death of my wife if married he is to have the balance over her dowry after coming of age messuages and tenements by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannull all and every other former testaments wills legacies bequests and executors by me in any wise before named willed and bequeathed satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four. Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said John Wilder as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed each of our names. (Interlined before assigned two words)

John ^{mark} Wilder (seal)

Jonas Frost
David Wilder
Fannah ^{mark} Avera