

Will of Joseph Symms.

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Symms of the County of John and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament that is to say, first I give to my beloved brother Jacob Symms all my lands all my corn and bacon and mare and colts one feather bed and steath, the mare is called Pigeon and the colt Lanny one half of my hogs one saddle and bridle five head of cattle he may take his choice of them all my household furniture all my clothes all my wheat that is now growing two shot guns three narrow axes & all my plantation tools

Secondly My will and desire is that all the remainder of my property be sold by my executor and not by the sheriff but six months credit and after my just debts is paid my will and desire is that it be equally divided between my brothers Benjamin Symms and Joel Symms Edmund Symms John Symms and my sister Hester Wise. I hereby appoint my friend Uriah Bass and my brother Edmund Symms executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills and testament by me made declaring this only to be my last will and testament witnesses my hand and seal this third day of April 1800 signed sealed and declared to be his last will and testament in presence of

Francis Wise
Morris Wise

Joseph ^{mak} Symms (seal)

Will of James Lockhart

I James Lockhart of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being in sound and perfect sense and memory Thanks be to God for it do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking all other heretofore made

Item I lend to my beloved wife Hannah Lockhart during her widowhood and no longer attune are negro women called Kehen two feather beds and furniture one table six knives and forks four chairs two basins two dishes one chest one horse bridle saddle one wollen wheel and cards one flax ditto &c hackle two cows and calves two ewes and lambs two sows and pigs one iron pot and hangers one dutch oven one pair smoothing irons one tub, pail and piggins one wearing room and gown and few other articles such as she cannot conveniently keep house without such as provisions for first year and the skin and privaleys pecuniary to support the skin beach and the lands and plantation whereon I now dwell on the east side of the Wolf Pitt branch during the above mentioned time and after that to them that may have a right to enjoy it by law.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Lockhart one tract or parcel of land bounded as follows beginning the south side of Neuse River where Archibald Vinsons upper line comes to the river thence his line and mine to the north prong of Morris Creek thence up the various courses of said prong to spring of a large poplar thence a small distance by the spring a west course to a line of mine that extends north and south then with and along that line north to the Pratty branch then down the various courses of the said branch as far as until a north course will strike the head of a small branch that enters into the river opposite the mouth of Sapworths creek the line to leave the Pratty Branch where it may strike the head of the western prong of the branch at the upper spring then down the various courses of said branch to the river then down the various courses thereof to the beginning except what I have lent to my wife Hannah containing two hundred acres more or less to him his heirs and assigns forever including the skin beach after mothers death.

Item All the rest of my lands except 200 acres on the poplar I desire may be equally divided between my three sons viz