

Will of William Dodd Sr

In the name of God Amen, I William Dodd Sr of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory for which I am thankful to Almighty God I do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner (to wit)

Item 1st I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Dodd during her natural life the use of my plantation whereon I now live and all my lands adjoining that is not already deeded away containing one hundred & seventy seven & half acres more or less and after her death to be disposed as is herein after expressed. I also lend unto my aforesaid wife three negroes named Eddy and Chaney also two feather beds and furniture and one mare one bridle and saddle and all my stock of cattle hogs and a sheep. Also I lend unto my aforesaid wife all my kitchen furniture.

Item I give and bequeath to my children John Dodd, Jemey Swiney, James Dodd, William Dodd, Elizabeth Dodd, Luke Windham and Bennet Dodd, five shillings to each of them to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Reubin Dodd after the death of my aforesaid wife my plantation whereon I now live together with all my lands adjoining to him and his heirs forever. Also all my stock of cattle hogs and sheep that I lent my ^{aforsaid} wife the mare and all my kitchen furniture and one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my aforesaid son Reubin one sorrel mare one filly and one colt my still one shot gun my apple mill and all my cider and cider works and all my plantation working tools one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Dice Carter after the death of my aforesaid wife three negroes (to wit) Eddy, Lebig and Chaney also one bed and furniture to her and the heirs of her body. It is my further will and desire that all the remaining part of my property that is not already willed away to be sold by my executors herein after named at six month credit and the money arising therefrom together with the debts due me to be applied to the payment of my just debts and the balance if any remaining to my aforesaid wife Elizabeth Dodd to her heirs forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute make and ordain my son Reubin Dodd and William Carter executors to this my last will & testament revoking and making null and void all other wills and bequests by me made satisfying this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of March A.D. 1813. signed sealed and published and declared in the presence of

Elizabeth Swiney
Barbara & Page

Will of Martha Brown.

In the name of God Amen I Martha Brown of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in a low state of bodily health but of a sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God do make publick and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following (to wit)

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Brown all my stock of cattle consisting of three sows and one heifer to him and his heirs forever.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my nephew William Garner one iron spider to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my nephew James Garner one large powder basin to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Garner one large pine chest and one smoothing iron to her and her heirs forever.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to Sally Cobit one iron skillet to her and her heirs forever.

Item 6th All the balance of my property of every description I wish to be equally divided between my brother John Brown and my nephew Thomas Brown.

I hereby appoint and constitute my nephew Thomas Brown executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of August A.D. 1826.

Martha ^{mark} Brown (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared to be her last will and testament presence of us
Thomas Rice.

State of North Carolina Johnston County November Term 1827
Then was the execution of this duly proven in open court by the oaths of Thomas Rice and ordered to be recorded
R. Sanders C. C.

Johnston County Records Term 1813 Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and admitted to record
R. Sanders C. C.