

Will of Mary Sanders

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

First- That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body as decent interment suitable to the wish of my relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that first come unto his hands as a part of my estate

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of L. Leach negroes Luvinia her boy Shadens and girl Edna as her sole and entire part of my estate to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John F. Sanders girl Violet as part of his sutable share (because Violet is a weaver) together with the corn fodder hogs cattle oven meat bed & furniture which said named articles are over and above his sutable share in the residue of my estate to him and his legal representatives forever and two hundred and fifty dollars in money as hereinafter provided

Item I give and bequeath to my son W. B. Sanders the cattle hogs oven corn fodder meat bed and furniture heretofore furnished him above his sutable share together with two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid out of the remaining legacies

Item I give and devise to my son Willis H. Sanders the tract of land called the Hatch tract containing four hundred acres more or less adjoining the land of H. Durham, E. Holland & others over and above his sutable share in the residue of my estate he paying to the two last named legacies the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (in case of death) the reverting to my male heirs two beds with streds and furniture for each to him in fee simple and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my two sons Robert A. and Claudius B. Sanders the tract of land known as the Cowbone tract purchased of W. B. Allen containing four hundred acres more or less in case of the death of either the land to revert to my male heirs over and above their sutable share in the residue of my estate they paying into my estate seven hundred and fifty dollars two hundred and fifty of which goes to John F. and W. B. Sanders to them and their heirs forever in fee simple. To Robert two beds with streds and furniture for each to Claudius one with stred and furniture

Item I give to daughter Elizabeth in addition to the foregoing bequests one heavy one bed stred and furniture.

Item In the event of a deficiency of assets each heir to receive and equally less amount in case of a surplus I bequeath it equally to each of my sons and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint

my oldest son John F. Sanders my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my will according to its true mean and intent hereby declaring as utterly void all wills heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I the said Mary Sanders do hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of February 1843. Signed sealed and declared by the said Mary Sanders to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

John C. Smith
George McCullen

Mary Sanders Seal

State of North Carolina } Court of Quarter Session
Johnston County } May Term 1843

Then was the above will of Mary Sanders duly proven in open court by the oath of George McCullen a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded

Wm. Henry Gay Clk

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