

Will of Nedham Fails

State of North Carolina

Johnston County November 27th 1844

I Nedham Fails being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament as follows to wit-

Item¹ I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Fails the following property to wit all of my land on the east side of Little River including the dwelling and all other out houses during her natural life also two beds and furniture two horses her choice three cows and calves her choice three sows and pigs her choice with all my kitchen furniture also all my farming utensils also two thousand pounds of pork one seventy five barrels of corn and eight stacks of food if on hand also thirty pounds of coffee thirty five pounds of sugar and ten gallons of molasses and four bushels of good salt

Secondly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son William S. Fails the following property to wit all of my land on the east side of Little River also one gray mare and one bed and furniture

Thirdly It is also my will and devise that after the death of my wife the land left her during her natural life should be divided equally between my two sons John & Nedham Fails

Fourthly All the property not given away in the above items shall be sold and after paying my just debt the ballance if any to be equally divided between my daughters to wit Julia Flinn Nancy Fails, Edith Fails, Mary Fails and Phoebe Fails and I do hereby appoint my trusty friend Matthew Parker Executor to this my will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us witnesses
Clausius Hamillan
H. C. Conner

Nedham Fails

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Session
Johnston County } February Term 1845

Then was the foregoing duly proven in open court and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley Clk

Will of Mary Sharp

In the name of Almighty God Amen I Mary Sharp of Johnston County 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

Item That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing and out of the moneys that first come into his hands as a part of my estate

Item I give and devise to my daughter Sarah Durham ten dollars to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and devise to my daughter Rebecca Avera wife of David Avera ten dollars to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and devise to my daughter Nancy Pool one negro woman Quincy and her increase also one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and devise to my daughter Phoebe Bell ten dollars to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and devise to my daughter Edith Lockhart wife of Thomas Lockhart ten dollars to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and devise to my son Henry Sharp one negro fellow named Alexander to him and his heirs forever

Item The ballance of my estate not herein disposed of I have to be sold by my executor hereafter named at public sale and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided among my daughters Sarah Durham, Rebecca Avera, Nancy Pool, Phoebe Bell and Edith Lockhart then and there alike as a further advancement to each of them and their heirs forever and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Henry Sharp my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same & every part, clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, in witness whereof I the said Mary Sharp do here to set my hand and seal this the 26th day of August A. D. 1840. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary Sharp to be her last will & testament in presence of us who at the time request in her presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names:
Edith Bell
Lachariah Wallons.