

Will of Matthew Jordan

In the name of God Amen I Matthew Jordan 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 executors herein after 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 all my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come to his hands as part or parcel of my estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Adams one bed and furniture.

Item And my will and desire is that the rest and residue of my property to be sold and all the debts to me owing to be collected and equally divided as follows between my son Joseph Jordan, John Jordan James Jordan and Merit Jordan, and Lucinda Barber daughter of Young N. Barber & Sarah Jane Purley daughter of Daniel Purley and Tabitha Winniford Jordan daughters of Susan Catberris wife of Bayant-Torris and Effy Label Adams daughter of Martha Adams to be put to interest until they shall severally arrive to full age of twenty one years by my executor herein after named

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Young N. Barber 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 and every part and clause thereof proving and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Matthew Jordan do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of May A.D. 1849. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Matthew Jordan to be his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses

Mr. M. Jordan

Testo
Joseph Barber
John Stevens

Johnston County Court August Term 1849
Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by R. M. Stevens one of the subscribing witnesses and adjourned to be recorded.

Will of Eldridge Thornton

I Eldridge Thornton of the County of Johnston State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but in a low state of health and considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following

First- My executor (hereafter 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 however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come to hand part or parcel of my estate

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Betsey Thornton all my land together with all my perishable estate during her natural life.

Item After the decease of my wife I give and bequeath to William Thornton, Meon Thornton and Young Nathaniel Thornton each five hundred dollars apiece.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Tiras Thornton all of the tract of land whereon I live except the life estate of my wife which is in consideration that by Tiras Thornton care and support my son Calvin Thornton during his natural life to have and to hold to him the said Tiras Thornton his heirs and assigns forever

Item My will and desire is that at the decease of my wife that the Handy Thornton tract of land be sold and the proceeds arising therefrom together with all the balance of my estate be equally divided among my children (to wit) William Thornton, Young N. Thornton, Meon Thornton, Calvin Thornton, Sally Ann Thornton, Tiras Thornton Mary Mason Thornton, Milly E. Thornton the devisees and legacies above mentioned first paid over share and share alike to them and each and every of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

Item It is my will that all of my just debts owing to me be collected and lastly I do hereby appoint William Thornton and John Chason my lawful executor to all intent and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part