

Will of Ann Heinnant

In the name of God Amen, I Ann Heinnant of the State of North Carolina and Johnston County being in now state of health but in perfect mind and memory blessed be God to this twentieth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty four do make and publish this my last will & testament in manner and form following viz.

After paying my just debts and charges of my estate I lend unto my three sisters namely Elizabeth, Mary and Martha Heinnant an negro man named George all my stock of all kind namely horses cattle hogs and sheep that I may be possessed with at the time of my death all my present stock of provisions on hand all my household and kitchen furniture also all my effects that I may be possessed of at the time of my death in money notes or accounts & in any way may be due to me in any way whatever and all my property of whatever whatsoever nature or kind that I am possessed with.

I lend unto my three sisters namely Elizabeth, Mary and Martha Heinnant during their natural lives and at their deaths if any remains of my property or effects to be equally divided between Hardy Heinnant, Jesse Heinnant and Rhody Atkinson to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them as they may agree by said or otherwise.

Revolking and annulling all other will or wills by me made or intended of whatsoever nature and I do hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend Hardy Heinnant executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator Ann Heinnant as her last will and testament in presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses

Wm H. Atkinson
James H. Heinnant

Ann Heinnant
mark

Johnston County Court. February Term 1847

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oath of Wm H. Atkinson and ordered to be recorded
Thomas Bagley Clk

Will of Matthew Woodard

In the name of God Amen the tenth of April eighteen hundred and forty seven I Matthew Woodard of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise dispose of the same in following manner and form.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Phoebe Woodard one hundred and ten acres of land whereon I now live during her lifetime and after her death to be equally divided between my two daughters Alex Woodard and Elizabeth Woodard.

I give to my daughter Alex Woodard one cow and yearling and one bed bedstead and furniture
Also I give to my daughter Betsey Woodard one bed bedstead and furniture which is now already delivered and in her possession

I give to my two sons John Woodard & James Woodard five dollars each

I give to my beloved wife Phoebe Woodard one horse all the rest & ballance of my cattle and sheep and hogs during her lifetime then to be equally divided between my two daughters Alex Woodard and Elizabeth Woodard

I give to my wife Phoebe Woodard all of my house hold and kitchen furniture and all my corn fodder and bacon and lard all the money that is due to me and all the perishable property that belongs to me now or may belong to me during my life time then to my two daughters Alex Woodard and Elizabeth Woodard to be equally divided between them.

I likewise constitute and appoint my beloved wife Phoebe Woodard my executor of this my last will and testament and I do pronounce this to be my last will & testament

and no other. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal (affixed my seal) the day and date first above written. Signed sealed in the presence of us
 William Hinton }
 Jonathan Driver }

Matthew Woodard Seal
 mark

Johnston County Court May Term 1847
 Then was the foregoing will of Matthew Woodard deceased proven in open court by the oaths of William Hinton and Jonathan Driver the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley Clerk

Will of Elijah Baker

I Elijah Baker 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 publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First That my executor or administrators shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses to gather with my just debts out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Sally the tract of land lying on the east side of the Mingo Branch for and during the term of her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the said tract to my daughter Susan.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Rhoda all the land on the west side of Mingo Branch the said branch to be the dividing line between my daughter Susan & Rhoda to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Sally two cows and calves her choice also the company of hogs that she generally feeds to her and to my daughter Susan in fee simple forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Rhoda the company of hogs that I generally feed myself also one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Susan one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Mimmy Blackman and my sons James, Chen, William and John Baker each one cow and calf to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Sally all the ballance of my stock not mentioned above also my house and cart plough & gear bridle and two saddle and all of my farming tools of every description and all of the household and kitchen furniture with the exception of two beds to her in fee simple forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughters Rhoda & Susan one bed and furniture each to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my son William my rifle and shot bag to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Sally Blackman ten dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item And lastly I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Elijah Baker do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13 day of May A.D. 1846 Signed Sealed, published and declared by the said Elijah Baker to be his last will and testament in the presence of us at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Elijah Baker Seal
 mark

John F. Sanders
 Thomas Ingram

Will of John Atkinson Sr

In the name of God Amen, John Atkinson Sr of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and devise it may be seen by all as such.

First I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merit and meditation of my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be and atone for my sins.