

Will of Mathias Handy

In the name of God Amen I Mathias Handy of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of sound disposing mind, and memory do make and adain this my last will and testament

Imprimis

I give and bequeath unto my friend Reuben Sanders Esquire my two horses called Buckskin and Kentucky and whereas my two negro men Davy and Daniel have for several years past and in fact ever since they have been my property conducted themselves in the most dutiful and faithful manner It is therefore my most sincere desire that the said negro men Davy and Daniel should be emancipated and forever set free and that my executor use all legal means to effect the same and that any expense that he may incur thereby be defrayed out of my estate but should he fail therein that then I give and bequeath the said two negros Davy and Daniel unto my brother George Handy and his heirs and assigns forever under this express injunction that he shall take them to the state of Maryland and then have them emancipated and set free and I give unto my executor fifty pounds in trust to be applied towards effecting their emancipation.

Item

It is my will and desire that all my estate both real and personal be sold by my executor either at public or private sale at his own discretion I mean such part of my estate as be not otherwise disposed off by this will

Item

It is further my will and desire that after any debts are paid that the remaining part of my property be divided into four equal parts or shares and one fourth part I give and bequeath unto the children of my brother George Handy and that the remaining three fourths be equally divided between the children of my brother James Handy and the children of my brother Levin Handy share and share alike.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Reuben Sanders Esq. executor to this my last will and testament inwitness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of June A.D. 1803.

M. Handy (seal)

Johnston County term Aug 1803, Then was the above will exhibited for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded

R. Sanders C. C.