

Will of Needham Whitley

In the name of God Amen I Needham Whitley Jr of the State of North Carolina and the county of Johnston through the kindness and abundant mercies and goodness of God do constitute and ordain this my last will and testament and as to my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath in manner and form following (viz) I will that all my just debts be paid by my executor hereafter named,

Item I have provided for my several sons that is to say, Nedas, William Jesse, Needham, John and Daniel Whitley with lands negroes horses cattle beds stocks &c

Item I have provided for my several daughters that is to say, Patty Hooks, Aprilla Exum and Nancy Hooks with negroes, horses, cattle, beds, stocks &c.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Raiford one feather bed and furniture one saddle and bridle & three hundred dollars current money of this state North Carolina.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Raiford Whitley two separate tracts or parcels of land one tract beginning at my own corner and line cross a pine near the mouth of the little land this side Raiford's a pine blown down there through the field to a marked line and then along said line to William Cox corner all on the east side of that line also the other part beginning in the middle of the main run of Moocan Swamp in the middle of the causeway where they run across is then along the middle of the " " " thence across the ridge to the far edge thence along the edge of the ridge until it comes within six feet of the causeway that goes to the barn until it comes opposite my dog-wood corner then through my Migg's field a direct course through the edge of a pond to a marked post oak a corner between Willie Whitley and Raiford Whitley then a direct line to the run of the swamp leaving the D.O. men ground ten yards to the north as the field now stands then up the meanders of the run to the beginning all within these bounds. Also one negro man named Abram one negro woman named Eliza one negro boy name Blake and their increase I have heretofore supplied him with stocks &c proportion to my other Nedas & others &c.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Whitley two parcels of land one parcel beginning in the branch beyond the Logch field hogpen in Atkinsons line where it crosses the branch then a direct line within ten yards of my corner a post oak at the lower edge of the great cave then within ten yards of the cave up it to the cross fences then along it as the fence runs

to the back field to a corner pine within a few spots of the fence then along a marked line to William Coxes line then with Coxes line to his corner and Raiford Whitleys corner then along a marked line Willie and Raiford Whitleys then along my line to a red oak John Atkinson then along his line to the beginning all within these boundaries. The other parcel beginning at a stake in the middle of the line Raiford corner then up the meanders of the run to where the old pasture fence crosses the run then a direct line to a sweet gum John Atkinsons corner in the hornprong of the Clay Run dam on my old Migg's land then a direct course to a be Thuckleberry bush a corner of a forty-five acre pasture thence along my line and John Atkinsons and the widow Borns line to the run of the swamp then up the meanders of the run to Raiford Whitley corner thence with his line to the beginning all within the bounds also one negro man named Ellick one negro woman named Della and her child Henderson and their increase one hundred dollars lawful money of the state of North Carolina to make the negro child Henderson in proportion of value to those negroes given to my son Raiford Whitley and others also seventy five dollars lawful money as aforesaid for the purpose of buying such things as was bought for my son Raiford and to enable him the better to build him a house also two cows & calves one three year old steer, two 2 year old heifers I have heretofore supplied him with stock &c in proportion to my other Nedas & others one feather bed, steed & furniture.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Horiam Whitley the plantation whereon I now live and all the adjoining lands that has not been given away and for him to take possession of the same after my death also one negro man named Spences one negro man named Flady & one negro woman named Vilet and her infant child named Stephen and their increase also one new bridle and saddle one feather bed and steed & furniture two cows and calves one three year old steer two 2 year old heifers two grub hoes, two weeding hoes two flesh plow hoes two cutters two plow stocks two pair traces one table six sitting chairs and all the horse or waste planks that pertains to my buildings.

Item I give and bequeath to my three sons (viz) Raiford, Willie and Horiam Whitley one hundred acres of land situated lying and being in the County of Johnston in the pine woods on the water branch adjoining the lines of lands of Wm. Bulls deceased for the benefit of my three said sons getting timber.

Item

My will and devise is that my sons Raiford, Willie & Hiram Whitley shall and may have liberty to go from their respective places where they live to their several tracts or parcels by means of having gate or bars of entrance from place to place without obstruction and that they shall or may mutually agree in the same and in case of default in this case by any one of my said sons that they shall appoint six good and lawful freeholders to decide on said subject between my sons as aforesaid and my opinion is that a pathway ought to be between the back of my orchard fence & the swamp as for my sons Raiford & Willie Whitley to pass to and from their several tracts or parcels of land

Item

I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Hooks ten dollars lawful money of the state of North Carolina which is to be in full of any claim or demand on any part of the residue of my estate not heretofore ~~mentioned~~ ^{and} wisely divided away I have given in a deed of trust executed to my sons Reedar William Raiford Whitley one tract of land containing 337 acres formerly the property of Col Washington B. Hooks and conveyed to me by Henry Roberts which is a sufficient and valuable share of all my inheritance

Item

I give and bequeath to my grandson Wesley Whitley son of my son William Whitley fifty dollars lawful money of the state of North Carolina.

Item

My will and devise is that all the negroes not given away except one negro woman named Penny and my Lasser hand to be sold after my death with all the residue of my estate together with that part which may devise to me from the estate of John Whitley Sr deed not heretofore given away and to be sold by my executors hereafter named on a credit of six months and the money arising from such sale after paying off all my legacies the ^{several} sums of money before mentioned to be put to interest to support my wife until her death and for her to live with who she had rather and for my executors to see that she is taken good care off and whosoever she lives with for my executors to pay them for their trouble of board and clothing her &c and after the death of my wife that the aforesaid negro woman Penny which I reserved for the purpose of waiting and attending on my wife during her natural life be sold by my executors and the money arising from such sale & the money so let out at interest together with the interest thereof to be equally divided between my children and their lawful heirs their whose names are as follows viz Reedar William, Jesse, Reedar John Daniel Raiford & Hiram Whitley my sons

also my daughters Appilla, Exum and Nancy Hooks and I hereby make and ordain my sons Reedar Whitley, William Whitley & Raiford Whitley executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and disallowing all other & former wills by me made in testimony of all which I the said Reedar Whitley Sr the testator have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 4 day of June A.D. 1831

Signed sealed acknowledged
in the presence of
Daniel Boon
Joseph Woodard
B. Stevens.

Reedar Whitley *Real*

State of North Carolina } February Term 1832
Johnston County } Then was this will
proven in open court and ordered to be recorded.
R. Sanders Clk