

Will of Phillip Raiford

In the name of God Amen I Phillip Raiford Sr of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being here weak and feeble and now of body but of a perfect mind and memory blessed be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament and first of all I commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body unto the dust to be buried in a decent manner.

by me made heretofore satisfying and confirming this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Phillip Raiford Sr have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of September 1807. Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of

Robert Raiford
Stephen Hollavell
Nedham Raiford

Phillip Raiford (Seal)

Johnston County February term 1808

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded
R. Sanders C. J. C.

Item I will that all the finishable property by any Executors also two tracts of land one on each side of Little River above Mrs Whittays mill and all my just debts be paid.

Item I leave unto my beloved wife Sarah Raiford during her widowhood the plantation whereon I now live or a part of the plantation that is the fields under fence whereon the house stands also four cows and calves two sows and pigs it is also my will that my son Robert Raiford should have the remainder of the hogs and him and my son Phillip Raiford should live with the widow and so that the two youngest boys and tend the land shown below that all except the field left to my wife.

Item After the death or marriage of my wife my will is that the land before named be divided between my two sons Phillip Raiford and Robert Raiford and that the line divide said shall run from the river with the fence as it now runs above the County line straight to the back line and that my son Phillip shall have the lower part including the Store Chimney & Robert have all the lands above.

Item I give unto my wife one mare named Martha to her and her heirs forever also one bridle and saddle.

Item I give unto my son Robert Raiford one colt the colt of the above named mare to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give unto each of my children that is not herein named one dollar having given them their legacy heretofore and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Wm Raiford, Phillip Raiford and Robert Raiford, Simon Pearce and John Brooks to this my last will and testament revoking all former will or wills