

Will of Ransom Sanders

In the name of God Amen I Ransom Sanders of the County of Johnston and the State of North Carolina do make and order this to be my last will and testament whereof

I leave to my well beloved wife Sarah Sanders one thousand dollars and each of my minor children Edwin S, Adaline H, Sarah E, Loretta W, Ransom J. R, one thousand each to be applied to be applied to their education it is further my desire that my two sons Edwin S and Ransom J. R have my Swift creek home lands and my beloved wife to take her legal dower on the same in the lieu of dowers of other lands

The ballance of my lands I give to my daughter Polly A Adaline H, S, E, & L. W, that is my white oak lands my beloved wife is to take her dower on my home tract of land including of the lands adjoining equal in value to dowers in all my lands that is in my possession at my decease the remainder to be divided as the law directs.

I leave Ashley Sanders and John C. Smith executors to this my last will and testament. This does not discharge them from giving bond and security.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this the 30th of August-1844

Witness
A. L. Smith
A. L. Telfair

Ransom Sanders (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Johnston County } November Term 1844.

Then was the above will of Ransom Sanders duly proven in open court by the oaths of Alvin L. Smith and Alexander L. Telfair the subscribing witnesses therunto and ordered to be recorded.
Thomas Bagley C. C.

Will of Hardy Bailey

In the name of God Amen I Hardy Bailey of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being weak in body but sound in mind and memory thanks be to God for his mercies and calling to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die and not knowing the time of my departure from this life do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit

I give and bequeath unto my son Buffin Bailey and Louisa Bailey all the land on the south side of Long Branch containing four hundred and ten acres more or less to be equally divided between them forever and provided there should never be a lawful title got for the land agreeable to the bond my will is that they shall have the money that is received and the bond equally share & share also one feather bed and furniture to each of them and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Sanford Bailey after the death or marriage of my wife Penina Bailey all of my land on the north side of the Long Branch including the land and plantation whereon I now live containing two hundred acres more or less to him and his heirs forever.

I lend unto my beloved wife Penina Bailey during her lifetime or widowhood all the land and plantation whereon I now live containing two hundred acres and all the ballance of my estate consisting of horses, hogs, cattle and sheep, feather beds and furniture and all my household and kitchen furniture of every description with all my plantation utensils except a sufficiency of articles that she thinks she can spare best to be sold to pay all my just debts and after her death or marriage my will and desire is that every thing lent to her except the land be sold and equally divided amongst all my daughters to wit Picky Hatcher, Lilly Bailey and Penny Bailey to share in proportion to what they or any of them has already received except twenty five dollars of said sale I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary E. Johnston to her and her heirs forever.

And I do hereby constitute & appoint my son-in-law Robert Hatcher my executor to this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke and make void all other wills or instruments of writing in the form of wills heretofore made by me and I do hereby pronounce, declare and publish this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in testimony whereof I the said Hardy Bailey have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 6th day of August-1844.

Hardy Bailey (Seal)