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Will of Reddick Spell

I Reddick Spell 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 declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First- That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all expenses together with my just debts however and wheresoever owing out of the monies that first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Spell all my land.

I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Spell all my perishable property including every article and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Gideon Price, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intents and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other will and testament by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Reddick Spell do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 22nd day of January 1855. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Reddick Spell to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Thomas Heix
Powell Parker

Reddick X Spell (deed mark)

Johnston County Court - May Term 1855

Then was the foregoing paper writing exhibited in open court for probate and duly proven by the oath of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Gideon Price qualified as executor.

J. H. Keneday clk

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Will of George McCullen

In the name of God Amen I George McCullen of the County of Johnston and the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make publick and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit

That my executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts however and wheresoever owing out of the monies that may first come into her hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jennett McCullen all my lands which I am or may be possessed of at my death during her natural life.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jennett McCullen all of my negroes which I am or may be possessed of at my death during her natural life also all of my household and kitchen furniture all of my stock of every description horses, hogs, cattle & sheep crops, & provisions farming tools one buggy and harness and all of my other property of every description which I have not herein mentioned during her natural life.

I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson George Washington Buckhannon all my other property which I have loaned to my wife Jennett McCullen during her natural life to him and his heirs forever except a certain negro girl named Sally.

I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Jane Elizabeth Buckhannon a certain negro girl named Sally which I loaned to my wife Jennett McCullen during her natural life to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jennett McCullen all of my notes accounts and money which I may be possessed of at my death to her and her heirs forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved wife Jennett McCullen executor to this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said George McCullen do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 11th day of October in the year of our Lord 1844.

George McCullen Seal