

Will of Reubin Sanders

In the name of God Amen I Reubin Sanders of the County of Johnston in the State of North Carolina being in a state of tolerable health and of sound and disposing mind and memory for which I am truly thankful to the great and wise disposer of all events, do make and ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First- I consider that the lands by me heretofore given to my beloved son Reubens Sanders be in full of his part or share of my lands and that he is not to have any further claim or interest on the same hereafter.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Ashley Sanders all my lands and plantations on both sides of Neuse River above the lands of George Gully dec^d and Elam Lockhart (it is my desire that Elam Lockhart execute a deed to my said son Ashley for a small tract of land I lately bought of him) to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Reubin Troy Sanders all my lands and plantation wherein I now live on both sides of Swift-Creek except one tract of land known by the name of old Mr Rivers land containing about three hundred acres and the other tract known by the name of William Rivers land containing about seventy five acres both tracts lying on Swift-creek above my other tract to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Reuben Sanders all my household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools of every description desiring she may keep as much thereof for the purpose of carrying the business of the plantation or plantations and also to her own use and then to give off out of the same as she may deem most necessary to my children as they may settle off or to those settled off or to sell such part thereof as she may think proper to her own benefit or to the use and benefit of the family in common. It is my will and desire that she have the use of my house I now live in or as much thereof as may be necessary together with as many out houses fully and amply for her comfortable support and use during her natural life and also as much of the land and plantation given to my said son Reubin Troy Sanders as aforesaid as will be quite sufficient for her comfortable support and maintenance during her natural life after which

the whole of the said house and plantation to belong to my said son Reubin Troy Sanders as aforesaid in my bequeaths to him.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Ashley Sanders one thousand dollars to be paid him as soon as seasonably convenient and it is my desire that my hands may in a seasonably time assist him in building a bridge across Neuse River on his own land and also in building a set of saw and grist mills on the same.

Item It is my will and desire that my executors herein after named keep my son Reubin Troy Sanders at school at Chapel Hill or at some other good Seminary of learning until he graduates.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved nephew Reubin Jackson Sanders one lot or half acre of land in the town of Smithfield N.C. near Moss Dews and which has been cultivated by Allen S. Ballenger for sometimes past to him his heirs and assigns forever and it is my will and desire that my executors give him the said Jackson three or four years board clothing and schooling.

Item It is my will and desire that for the purpose of paying my just debts the legacies heretofore mentioned schooling my son Reubin Troy Sanders and my nephew Reubin Jackson Sanders &c that my executors hereinafter named be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell in manner as they may deem most expedient and advisable the following tracts of lands and town lots and so much thereof as may be necessary to wit; my lands called my Guy, Powell and Stevens lands &c on Neuse River below Smithfield supposed to contain between eleven and twelve hundred acres, my Muck Island lands on said River above Smithfield containing about one hundred and fifty six acres my lands called the Plucklebury lands formerly the property of William Parzer dec^d and by him I think bought of Peter Slaughter lying near Slaughter's old place containing about two hundred and fifty acres my Blake Bryan lands on Swift-Creek and Middle Creek together with all my lands adjoining the same or lying near the same containing as well as I can recollect about truly seven or eight hundred acres my Cross Roads or Johnston boughtso lands near Edwin Smith containing about two hundred acres one tract of land called old Mr Rivers land on Swift-Creek above where I now live containing about three hundred acres one other tract of land

adjoining the tract last above mentioned called the Williams Rivers land about seventy five acres or any other lands I may own or possess not herein before willed away my house and lot in the town of Smithfield wherein James Fritch keeps store and two other lots or half acres of land in said town the lying nearly in a direction from said Fritch keeps store towards the Academy and near David Thansons and to execute titles for the same in a full and ample manner as I myself could do if living. And it is my will and most ardent desire that after the payment of all my just debts and legacies &c aforesaid that the remaining part or parts of the aforesaid tracts of lands and house and lots left to be sold as aforesaid or any monies accruing from such sales be equally divided between my beloved daughter Sally McCullers, Delia Sanders, Betsey Sanders and Julia Sanders which I give and bequeath to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item

It is my will and desire that all my negroes be equally divided (taking in to consideration the negroes by me heretofore given away or which are in the possession of Hanson Sanders Sally McCullers and Delia Sanders between my wife Rezon Sanders and my children Hanson Sanders, Sallie McCullers, Delia Sanders, Ashley Sanders, Betsey Sanders, Julia Sanders & Reuben Troy Sanders.

But not aforesaid division to take place immediately after the probate of this will but only in the following manner, Should either of my children living with me marry or settle off for them or either of them to have as nearly as can be ascertained and equal proportion of said negroes as those of my children heretofore married or settled off except I desire my son Ashley Sanders to have one negro man or plow boy at his first settling as his plantations are much out of repair but for said negro eventually to be considered in his ratable part or share. It is my desire that all my negroes as are not to be given off as aforesaid to be kept in my plantations in common for the benefit of my family and also that my executors if thought by them necessary finish and complete my saw and grist mill on Middle Creek and to carry on the sawing &c at the same and that the profits arising from the labor of my hands saws &c be applied to the support and maintenance of my family paying my just debts and legacies &c contained in this will and for not a full division to take place until my son Reuben Troy Sanders arrives to the age of twenty-one years then to be fully divided as aforesaid Should any or either of my negroes behave much amiss It is my

desire that my executors sell them and buy more in their place

Item

It is my will and desire that my stock of horses cattle hogs sheep and in fact all my stock of all kinds be by my wife and executors divided off in an equal and proper manner between my wife and all the children at such times as they may most need the but if it is by them thought proper I desire that they may sell such part thereof that may be necessary for the common use of my family or payment of my debts and legacies aforesaid that my debts be collected and applied as last aforesaid and also all or any of my property if there be not herein before mentioned and desire that no public be made of any of my property in any instance but that the sale be effected at private contract in manner as my executors may deem most advisable for cash or on credit: And I hereby constitute and appoint my sons Hanson and Ashley Sanders executors to this my last will and testament satisfying and confirming this and only this to be my last will and testament and revoking and making null and void all other wills or testaments by me in anywise heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Reubin Sanders have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 20th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four (1824) Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator in the presence of

Carry ^{to} Atkinson
Wiley ^{son} Atkinson

State of North Carolina } February Term 1830
Johnston County } Then was the above execution of this will proven in open court by the oaths of Carry Atkinson & Wiley Atkinson and ordered to be recorded.
R. Sanders CLK