

Will of Reuben Wilkinson

In the name of God Amen I Reuben Wilkinson of the State of North Carolina and County of Johnston being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be Almighty God, for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following that is to say

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Morcajah Wilkinson one tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Johnston and State aforesaid in Bluff Lake swamp formerly called the Batten place.

I do also give and bequeath unto my youngest son Reubin Wilkinson one tract or parcel of land lying in the county and state aforesaid lying on Mill Swamp with the premises thereto belonging.

I do also give and bequeath said Reubin Wilkinson four negroes namely Anaca, Playwood Bright and Lizzie together with all the residue of my estate consisting of horses cattle hogs also my estate of household and kitchen furniture.

I do also give and bequeath unto my beloved son Reubin Wilkinson one set of blacksmith tools and brandy still and I do hereby nominate and appoint Reubin Wilkins of the County aforesaid executor to this my last will and testament and do also authorize and empower him the said executor to sell as much of my estate as may be deemed sufficient to pay all my debts and charges in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us

Test
Jacob Stevens
Willie Gerald

Reuben Wilkinson (Seal)
make

State of North Carolina } November Term 1824
Johnston County } Then was the execution
of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths
of Jacob Stevens and Willie Gerald and ordered to be
recorded.
A. Sanders Ck.

Will of Charlotte Stephens

In the name of God Amen, I Charlotte Stephens of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina, being now weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testament as follows (to wit)

In the first place it is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid.

Item I give to my beloved son Alvin Stephens the bed bedstead and furniture thereof which I have commonly used as my own also my yoke of steers and ox cart also one cow and calf also one equitable half of the negro property to which I am or shall be entitled out of estate of my deceased husband William Stephens

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Stephens my other bed and its furnishing and bedstead one cow and calf also one equitable share with the rest of my heirs Alvin excepted in the equitable remaining half of my negro property as above described

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughters Delany, Charlotte and Nancy all my wearing apparel to be equally divided amongst them.

And lastly I give and bequeath to my beloved son Burt L. Stephens and my three named daughters all of the residue of my estate both real and personal to be equally and equitably divided betwixt them share and share alike Also it is my desire and will that my debts shall be paid out of the residue of my estate which shall remain after giving and dividing off to my above named sons Alvin and William their shares above described.

Also I do hereby constitute and (ordain) appoint my friend and neighbor John Leach Esq my executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of October A.D. 1823

attest
Jas. M. Henderson
A. Collins

Charlotte Stephens (Seal)
make

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of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of
William Henderson & A. Collins and ordered to be recorded.
A. Sanders Ck.