

Will of Sarah Raiford

In the name of God Amen, I Sarah Raiford of North Carolina Johnston County being in a low state of health but of perfect and sound memory and calling to mind the mortality of all flesh do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following

First I will that all my just debts be paid or ordered to be paid in due time by my executors

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Rodin Raiford one two hundred dollar notes on Robert Raiford with interest thereon or that may become due on the same also one cow and year old one year old bull one three year old heifer.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Bethesda Oliver one hundred dollars one three year old heifer one churn one dutch oven one saddle one pair of cotton cards one flax wheel a parcel of picked cotton and all my clothes and these articles heretofore lent now in her possession.

Item I give to my beloved son Rodin Raiford one leather bedstead and furniture with all and every part and parcel of my estate not heretofore given away and for the execution of the same I do hereby appoint and ordain my beloved son Rodin Raiford as executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one

Sarah Raiford

Beggy Hollingsworth
John Phillips Jr.

State of North Carolina } August Term 1821
Johnston County } Then was the execution
of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of
John Phillips and ordered to be recorded
R. Sanders Clk

Will of Ephraim Watson

In the name of God Amen I Ephraim Watson of the County of Johnston and the State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say,

I lend to my beloved wife Nancy Watson two hundred and thirty acres of land including the plantation whereon I now live bounded by James Watson, Jesse Seligute, Jacob Barnes and Stephen Watson line and also by the fence of the plantation where I formerly lived which runs a north and south course from the swamp to the myrtle branch during her natural life or widowhood and at her second marriage or decease I give the said land and premises unto my son Amos Watson, I also lend to said wife one mare with foal the colt I give to my son Amos if it come living also two cows and one leather bed and furniture also one negro woman named Beck and one negro boy named Bobb Ten year old hogs four head of sheep also my household and kitchen furniture except three leather beds with their furniture and all my plantation tools which property I lend during the natural life of my said wife or widowhood aforesaid and at her decease or marriage I give the above mentioned negroes to my daughter Patsy and the remainder of the above mentioned property I give to be equally divided between my daughter Beady and my son Jesse and my son Amos and my daughter Patsy.

Item I give to my son Stephen one negro girl named Phoebe and one shot gun.

Item I give to my daughter Prucilla Selivant one negro girl named Sarah.

Item I give daughter Beady Watson one negro boy named Jerry one three year old heifer and two head of sheep one leather bed and furniture.

Item I give to my son Jesse Watson one negro woman named Hannah my will is that the first living child of said Hannah should belong to my son Amos Watson I also give to my said son Jesse one hundred and fifty acres of land including the old plantation where I formerly lived it being the remainder of my land one two year old colt