

Will of Sarah Williamson

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Williamson of the State of North Carolina and County of Johnston being of perfect mind and memory blessed be God to this fifth day of February 1847. do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz.

First I give and bequeath unto my son Hardy H. Williamson three head of horses, Bill, Boston and Pigeon two cows & calves one yoke of steers and two carts two ewes and lambs or four head of sheep.

I also give to my son Hardy H. Williamson all my crop and provision now on hand or that I may leave on hand at the time of my death all my working tools of every kind consisting of plows, hoes, axes, augurs, chisels and every other article considered as plantation utensils. Two wooden wheels and two pair of cords two pots & kates and potsacks one dutch oven 1 spider one frying pan three pewter plates one large pewter bason one pewter dish six pewter spoons one boom & pair of harness three washing tubs two pails two piggins of juniper one case of knives and forks one meal sifter two hogs all my cider casks one set of blacksmiths tools also two feather beds bedsteads & furniture one china press one pitcher one set of tea cups & saucers all the glass tumblers in the press seven earthen bowls one patent clock one folding table and one chest one stone pitcher two jugs one shot gun one pleasure carriage six winter chairs six walnut chairs and four maple chairs one pine table one safe one set of earthen plates two earthen dishes one grind stone

And after paying my just debts and incident charges of my estate all my property not given away I leave to be divided between my eight children, Maria, Patience, Nancy, Elizabeth, J. Maria, Bethany, Joseph and Raiford, to be divided by my executor without sale and such of my estate as should fall to my heirs not heirs to be sold by my executor on a six months credit and the profit from such sale be applied to their use. And I do hereby nominate & appoint my beloved son Raiford Williamson & Hardy H. Williamson executors to this my last will & testament. Signed & acknowledged by the testator Sarah Williamson her last will & testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Sarah Williamson
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This was read and approved by the court by the oath of Hardy H. Williamson & Raiford Williamson & signed Thomas Bagley clk.

Will of Matthew Parker

I Matthew Parker 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 to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First That my executor herein after named shall pay all my just debts howsoever and to whomever owing out of that money first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

I lend unto my beloved wife Lura during the term of her natural life five negroes named as followers to wit one negro woman by the name of Judah, one negro girl by the name of Rebecca, one negro girl by the name of Lenda, one negro boy by the name of Nathan, one other by the name of Daniel and should my wife marry the said negroes shall still be kept by her but shall be under the control of the guardian of my children

Item I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Elizabeth two negro girls as follows Lucy & Penny.

Item I give and bequeath to my oldest son James one negro boy named Isaac and also the Pool tract of land which remains unsold.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John one negro boy by the name of Casey and all the tract of land that I bought of Benjamin Parker.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lura all necessary household and kitchen furniture and one year support sufficient for herself and family also such other property or articles as may be necessary for the support and sustenance of a family.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lura as a dower all the tract of land drawn from the estate of my father Matthew Parker. My will and desire is that all the residue of my property after taking out the legacies above mentioned shall be sold and all the debts due me collected and after all being paid me are paid then the surplus if any shall be equally divided among my heirs to wit my beloved wife Lura my daughter Elizabeth my son James and my son John