

Will of Sherrod Earp

In the name of God Amen I Sherrod Earp of the County of Johnston and state of North Carolina, being very weak of body but of sound mind and memory thanks God for the same do this the 20th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen make and publish and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit

I give and devise to my beloved wife Edith Earp the land and plantation whereon I now dwell during her natural lifetime and after my said wife's death to my three sons (to wit) Littleton, Caswell and William Earp to be equally divided share and share alike to them and their heirs forever said land containing two hundred acres more or less. I give and devise to my said wife one heifer by the name of Luck. I give and devise to my beloved daughter Casely Earp one cow and calf one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

I give and devise to my beloved daughter Kelly Earp one cow by the name of Kid and her calf to her and her heirs forever. My will and devise is that all the residue of my personal property be sold by my executors and all my just debts speedily and punctually paid out of the money arising from said sale and the residue I give to my said wife for her and her children to support on.

I appoint my beloved wife and Joseph Richardson my executor to this my last will and testament and I the said Sherrod Earp do revoke all other wills by me made and especially two deeds of gift in possession of William Earp and I the said Sherrod Earp do publish this writing to be my last will and testament the day and date first written signed sealed published in presence of us

Betsey ^{for} Jones
Kelly ^{for} Atkinson

Sherrod Earp Seal

State of North Carolina Johnston County
May term 1818. Then was the execution of this will duly proved in open court by the oaths of Betsey Jones and Kelly Atkinson and ordered to be recorded.

R. Sanders C. C. L.