

Will of Elizabeth Garner

In the name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Garner of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in a low State of health of body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament at the same time utterly revoking all former wills or Will by me made declaring this to be my last will and testament which is as follows viz.

First I give and bequeath to my beloved son Noaba Joiner one feather bed and furniture also one painted chest and also one stock of sheep which is at Betty Johnstons also one pewter dish

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Garner two feather beds and furniture and one chest also one stock of sheep at Thomas Broons also one pewter basin

And lastly I give and bequeath to my beloved brother Austin Hatcher all my growing crop of all kinds and I do at the same time appoint him the said Austin Hatcher and Robert Hatcher executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Agreed sealed in the presence of  
Hamilton Phillips  
Aza Garner

Elizabeth Garner <sup>mark</sup>

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarters Session  
Johnston County } May Term 1845-

Then was the foregoing will of Elizabeth Garner do<sup>d</sup> duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Hamilton Phillips and Aza Garner the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Bagley clk

Will of Tobias Godwin

I Tobias Godwin of the county of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and knowing that my earthly existance must soon terminate do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I give and devise unto my wife Crissy Godwin one third part of my home tract of land to be said so as to include my mansion house to have and to hold to her the said Crissy Godwin for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and third of and in all my real estate. I also give my said wife one bed bedstead and furniture one bay mare two cows and calves ten good fat hogs fifteen barrel of corn three dishes and two basins four bowls six plates one case of knives and forks six chairs all the castings or fat mase five blades stacks six ewes and lambs and all the corn fodder

Item I give and devise to my youngest son Tobias Turner Godwin all the tract of land purchased by me of the Hoons about seven hundred and thirty two acres being the same whereon my dwelling house stands except the life estate of my wife devised in the preceding items of this my last will and testament and that part loaned to her during her life time or widowhood. I also give and devise to my said son Tobias Turner to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever after her demise or marriage

Item I give to my son Merritt fifty dollars in money.

Item I give and devise unto my son Hewitt-Wright-Washington Godwin five hundred and fifty acres of land being the same purchased by me of Eli Garner and William Wainant to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever

Item I give my son Griffis one dollar in money

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Amanda Hayles one dollar in money.

Item I give Godfrey Stansel children one dollar in money.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Conith Godwin one bed bedstead and furniture and ninety dollars in money.

My will and desire are that all the residue of my estate stock of every kind farming tools &c after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold by my executors and the debts owing to me all collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies that said surplus and every part thereof shall be equally divided between my two sons Hewit & Tobias to have and to hold to them and their heirs absolutely forever and should either of the said Hewit or Tobias die before he should attain to full age my will and desire is that the survivor shall be his sole heir and shall inherit from him to his the survivors separate use to him and his heirs forever.

Thirdly I constitute and appoint my friend Simon Godwin my executor to this my last will and testament to execute the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

In testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and seal done at Smithfield the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1845

Tobias Godwin *(Seal)*  
mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Tobias Godwin to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request sign the same as witnesses

Wm. H. Watson.  
H. H. Hobbs.

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions  
Johnston County } November Term 1845

Then was the execution of the above will duly proven in open court by the oaths of William H. Watson and Henry H. Hobbs the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley Clk

Will of William Massey

In the name of God Amen I William Massey of Johnston Co and State of North Carolina being in a feeble state of health but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for his blessing and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do this day make ordain establish and confirm my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Tabitha Massey one feather bed bedstead and furniture one cow and calf and two ewes and lambs her choice in each case to be fully and freely enjoyed by her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Hannah Massey my land and all any other property of every description not herein above given away that shall remain after my just debts shall have been paid to be freely used by her for her maintenance and benefit for and during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or second marriage my will and desire is that it shall be divided into five equal shares and that one of these five parts shall be equally divided among the lawful heirs of her own body of my daughter Peggy Spencer to be fully and freely enjoyed by them and their heirs and assigns forever and the other four parts to be distributed to my beloved children Tabitha Massey Cogdell Massey, Peleg Massey and Sally Woodard (wife of Henry Woodard) to be fully and freely enjoyed by them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved son Peleg Massey executor to this my last will and testament. So witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1843.

Signed and sealed in presence of us  
William *(Seal)*  
mark Massey

Jeese Hobbs  
Bathan Edgerton

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Session  
Johnston County } November Term 1845

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of Bathan Edgerton and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley Clk