

Will of John Beddingfield.

I John Beddingfield 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 my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First- I give and devise to my beloved daughter Elizabeth and Anderson Pool her husband all the tract of land which I now live some four hundred and twenty acres during the term of their natural lifetime the said Elizabeth and Anderson Pool her husband, and after their death to their three sons viz William Chandley Pool, John Fabius Pool and Anderson Sidney Pool.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth and Anderson Pool her husband the following negroes one negro man Jerry one negro woman Niece and children Harriet, Guilford Tony & Amy during their natural life and at their death the said Elizabeth and Anderson Pool her husband to be equally divided between their children William Chandley, John Fabius, Anderson Sidney, Elizabeth and Aley Adelaide Pool.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two grand daughters Mary and Louenza the children of my beloved daughter Mary deceased and her husband Willis Turner two negro girls Lizzy & Patsy hereby revoking and making utterly void all other wills and testament by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said John Beddingfield do hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of November A.D. 1857. Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Beddingfield to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness  
Lewis Pool  
W. H. McCullers Jr

John Beddingfield (seal)  
mark

Will of Westbrook Langston

I Westbrook Langston of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz that my executor herein after named shall provide for me a decent burial apparel such as my relatives or friends may wish or devise and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the monies first arising from my estate.

Item I lend to my beloved wife Pascha Ann Langston during her natural life or widowhood, all my lands whereon I now live containing 123 acres together with all my household and kitchen furniture one horse and saddle and bridle all my farming tools of every description all my stock both cattle and hogs and sheep and all provisions now on hand both corn and meat or bacon also I loan to my wife P. A. Langston one negro man named Riley during her life or widowhood, and after the death of my wife all my lands to be equally divided between my three sons James W. John M. and Isaac W. Langston here and share alike also one bedstead and furniture to be given to each of my two daughters namely Sarah W. & Angelina L. Langston and the residue of all my (property) estate if any at the death of my wife to be sold together with my negro man Riley to be equally divided between all my children to share and share alike and my negro girl named Jining at my deceased to be sold to pay off all my just debts and the remaining part of the money if any left in the hands of my executor to be applied to the use of my wife and children in schooling &c.

I appoint my worthy friend Robert T. Hood my executor to this my last will and testament to all intent and purposes to act according to his judgment and according to law in the settlement thereof and I the said Westbrook Langston do hereunto set my hand and seal this January 29<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Test-  
John Harper  
Isaac Langston

Westbrook Langston (seal)  
mark

North Carolina  
Johnston County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions  
May Term 1858. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Westbrook Langston deceased.

is exhibited for probate in open court by Robert T. Hood the executor therein named and the due execution by the said Westbrook Langston is proven by the oaths of John Harpe and Isaac Langston the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part and thereof is the last will & testament of the said Westbrook Langston and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed and thereupon the said Robert Hood executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Test Thomas D. Inead C. C. C.

### Will of Ivey Hales

I Ivey Hales 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 my last will & testament in manner & form that is to say first that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives & friends & pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and so whatsoever owing out of the moneys that they may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate.

Item

I give and devise to my beloved wife Susan Hales all of my land all of my stock of horses cows hogs household & kitchen furniture all my farming tools cart & other property that I may have at my death to be hers and at her death to be absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend J. J. Farmer my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same & every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Ivey Hales do hereunto set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1858. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Ivey Hales to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Calvin R. Wallis  
J. J. Farmer

Ivey Hales (Seal)  
witness

Johnston County Court August Term 1858.

Then was this paper writing exhibited in open court & the due execution thereof was duly proven by the oaths & examinations of Calvin R. Wallis & J. J. Farmer the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded and J. J. Farmer the executor therein named duly qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law.

Thomas D. Inead C. C. C.

### Will of Casey Gower

I Casey Gower of the State of North Carolina and County of Johnston being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

I leave my wife Bittha Gower my tract of land for her lifetime or widowhood then I give to my son Simon H. Gower. I give my son Persin H. Gower one Bee gun.

I give to my daughter Luella Gowsby wife of Gideon Gowsby five head of sheep.

I give to my wife Bittha Gower one bed & bed clothes one chest one heifer named Ducher I give to my youngest son Simeon H. Gower one horse named John one cow and all the stock of my hogs and all the crop of every description and all the farming tools and all my household and kitchen furniture and all the bonds & accounts & receipts and all the monies belonging to me.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Simeon H. Gower my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Casey Gower do hereunto set my hand and seal this the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven. Signed sealed published & declared by the said Casey Gower to be his last will & testament in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Anderson Gower  
Gideon Gower

Casey Gower (Seal)

Johnston County Court August Term 1858

Then was this paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Casey Gower deceased exhibited for probate in open court by Simeon H. Gower the executor therein named and the due execution thereof is proven by the oaths and examination of Anderson Gower and Gideon Gower the subscribing witnesses thereto it is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing