

Will of Willis Gay

In the name of God Amen, I Willis Gay of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory (Blest be God) do this eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife viz a certain piece or parcel of land it being the south east corner of the tract of land whereon I now live beginning at a grape tree in the field near the woods on the east side of the plantation east to the line or near the camp branch and from said grape tree run south to Jesse Housgraves line at a branch across said line

I also lend unto my beloved wife that part of land whereon I now live including the houses and plantation beginning at the said grape tree running thence nearly west to a persimmon tree and mulberry tree containing a straight-course to Abraham Battens line during her life and after her demise unto my daughter Elizabeth

I also give and bequeath unto Lucinda Elizabeth my grand daughter the ballance of the above mentioned tract of land after the death of her mother Charity Penfrow my daughter to whom I lend said land during her life.

I also lend unto my beloved wife during her life a certain piece or parcel of land it being the east corner of the tract of land that I purchased of Alvin Smith beginning on or near Burnt Stocking swamp in Selwingtons line running thence nearly north through the big pond to a point of bushes in the corn field thence and east course to the ford of the creek and after her decease I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Willis the above mentioned land

I also give and bequeath unto my son Jonah a part of said land joining said Willis land beginning at the corner of John Battens fence in said Selwingtons line nearly north between a little pond and James Crockers hogpen to near the gum flat nearly east to the said point of bushes. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter

Winniped Sterling and her heirs the north side of said tract of land beginning on the creek in Abraham Battens line running west to Alvin Smiths line near the Mill swamp

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Reuth Coscha her heirs all the ballance of said tract of land.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Josiah a certain horse colt

I also give unto my son William one dollar and no more

I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife all other of my moveable property in doors and out.

And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife executor of this my last will and testament in witnesses whereof I the said Willis Gay have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Willis Gay the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing

William Moore
Abraham Batten

Willis Gay Seal

State of North Carolina } February Term 1825
Johnston County } Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of William Moore and Abraham Batten and ordered to be recorded.

R. Sanders Clk