

157. State of North Carolina

Jones County Court House Town 1797

This was the within ~~open~~ Last Will & Testament of Robert Grimes late duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Wm S Gordan one of the subscribing and witness to be recorded. The Executor therein named not appearing to justify Administration was granted on the Estate of said late with the testator directed to Mrs Robina Grimes who entered into Probate and qualified as such. Ordered that Letters with the will annexed give accordingly.

Attest Jno. Bryan R

In the name of God, Amen I James Watson of Jones County Farmer of North Carolina Planter being weak in body but of sound mind and memory & Calling to mind the Mortality of all men do make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form following that is first of all I commend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body buried in a decent manner as the disposition of my God fearing & obedient Lydia as for my worldly goods after death of this present life to be left me with I direct and despatch as follows After I give and bequeath unto my son James Watson all my Land above mentioned branch three Negroes Call'd Robert Tom & Martin three head of horses and all the Cattle or the mark and the hog that is now call'd his, now his and all the furniture in the household furniture that is now in his hands all what is known in his possession to him his heirs and assigns forever. Also I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife one negro man Call'd Calle & one negro woman call'd Hannah & one cow & Calves eight ewes & lambs one horse Call'd Bell two more Call'd Fugion & Margaret and all my plantation tools to her her Heirs & assigns forever. Further I bind to my beloved wife Sarah Watson my house Barn & other building with the part of the plantation wherein is my apple orchard peach orchard and along the avenues to the road or from the bottom just above the apple orchard and along the avenues to the road with privilege of free wood & timber for plantation use to her during her natural life likewise one negro woman Call'd Sock and all my household furniture. To my beloved wife giving my four youngest children one head portion at her Coming of age. After I give above bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Watson one Negro Woman Call'd violet one horse call'd Minnow three Cows & Calves four ewes & lambs to her her Heirs & assigns forever. Also I give to my son Ernest Watson one horse Call'd Sherry and my sledges to him to have and to use upon payment of him yearly to my son Ernest my Silver Plate and Stock Bells & bells for ever & then I give to my son Jay Watson twenty Dollars to him to have & upon payment further my wife to deserve is that she may be allowed with her deceased late my husband (except that part related to my son James) to equally divide between my three youngest sons Ernest, Jay & my self as for the rest of my Negroes my wife to have they to be equally divided between my three sons Ernest, Jay and my Daughter Sarah at my Daughters Coming of age a marriage Settlement for both to her increase to be equally divided between the spouses here was also my daughter along with her deceased further my will is that my Esq. late Director to be appointed by my surviving heir part of my plantation and the Negroes that may be left by me to him until they come of age and as they come of age to be given to them her part further Constitute and appoint my Brother Joseph Watson Executor and my beloved wife Executive to this my last Will and Testament revoking all other and former Wills by me made at any time and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament in which where I have hitherto set my hand and affix my seal this 20th day of February 1793

John Medell

Wm. Gordan

James Watson. R

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court House Town 1793

This was the aforesaid will within Probated and Testament of James Watson late duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Thomas Meade and William Hobbs two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded at the same time fore-mailed Notary and James Watson two of the Executors herein named Declar'd & as such ordered that Letters to be granted by you accordingly Attest

Jno. Bryan R

In the name of God, Amen I Sarah Farn of Jones County Farmer of sound and perfect Mind and Memory before the God the First Day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Six, make and publish this to be my last will & Testament in manner following. That is to say First I give and bequeath unto my wife beloved Sister Margaret Farn all my Plantation and Land wherein I live with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and all my other Property real and personal to her her Heirs and assigns for ever & I further bind myself to my beloved wife and order my daughter Sarah Watson Executor of this my last will and Testament. Let my hands and Seal the Day and year first above written

Signed, Sealed, Published and  
Declared by the said Sarah Farn  
The Testator as her last will and  
Testament in the presence of an other  
and sealed there of

Sarah Farn  
M. A. H.

Aust Reynolds

Wm. Farn

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court, Town 1797

This was the Within Last Will & Testament of Sarah Farn late duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Richard Reynolds before one of the Notaries & Clerks of the County of Jones to be recorded

Attest J. F. M. A. H. 66

In the name of God, Amen I John Sherrill of the County of Jones & State of North Carolina being sick & nearly out of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God Calling to mind the Mortality of his Body & knowing of his appointment for a long time to die do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner following (to wit) I give & bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body to be buried in a decent Christian manner & that the Disposition of my Brethren here after named & as follows shall Mortally in the following manner Imprest. I leave unto my beloved wife during her widowhood only the house the whole of my little & all the rest her to take & have all the whole of my House Hold & Kitchen furniture the plantation wherein I now live including what is cleared on the

159 other side the road from the House as far as Gum Branch. Observing  
at the same time that my son Adam Shall have ~~a~~ a piece joining  
the Crop Field to his run at his Coming to the age of Twenty one years  
my Will & desire is that of my Sons Should marry that then the whole of the  
property left her or above Shall be Equally Divided among my Daughters  
& the younger Children who may be then under age, to the bounds out,  
stating that my desire is to have my son Peter Bound to the Taylor  
Burke Should it so happen that his Mother Should die or marry  
before he comes of age. Item - I give to Bequeath unto my Beloved son  
John one Hundred acres of Land on the South Side of the main road &  
East Side of the Branch. Subject to the Clerks price but to my wife her  
widowhood - Also one plot to them & his Heirs & assigns forever -

Item - I give to Bequeath unto my Beloved son Elijah one Hundred acres of  
Land on the West side of the Branch & one plot to him & his Heirs  
& assigns forever & Should he have more than one Hundred acres in the  
place assign him then the over plot to be joined to the land of my son  
John at the lower end joining Capt Hazzards Land & Should he be left  
he is to have no more -

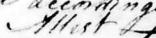
Item - I give to Bequeath unto my beloved sons Daniel, Adam & Peter  
the Remaining part of my land to be Equally Divided amongst them  
granting my son Paul the Dwelling House on his part my son Adam  
the South part of the plantation to my son Daniel on the East to them  
their heirs & assigns forever - my Will is that if either of my three sons  
Daniel, Adam or Peter Should die before they arrive to the age of  
Twenty one then the surviving two to inherit the share of the Depart-  
ed Equally between them & if two of them Should die the survivor  
to inherit two shares he & his Heirs forever & the other share to be Equal  
& divided among my two older sons namely John & Elijah - my Will  
is that of my wife Should Want that the lands of all my sons except  
my son Daniels land Shall be subject to her a third her widow-  
hood (only) -

Lastly I nominate to appoint my Beloved wife Elizabeth my Beloved  
friend Francis Andrews & my beloved son John Andrews Executors  
to this my last Will and Testament Ratifying & Confirming this  
my last Will & Testament Dissolving all former Wills by me  
made & Confirming this as my only last Will & Testament in  
Witness where I hereunto set my Hand & affix my Seal this 27.  
day of September 1778 I give unto my son Daniel my young sonne here  
under sealed & published to him his Heirs & assigns forever

Adam A. Andrews   
his  
mark

Witnessed with the two last pieces of writing  
Upon the date before signed -

Sigmas of Daniel Law  
Elijah Andrews  
John Ayson -

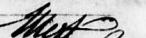
State of North Carolina  
Jones County Court, Term 1779  
This was the within last Will and Testament of Joseph Clegg late  
granted in Open Court in due form of Law by James Mumford  
witness thereto also by the Seal of Joseph Clegg one of the subscribers  
whereupon he did sign the Testator acknowledge the same and caused the  
same to be recorded at the same time Sarah Clegg the Executrix herein  
named Qualified as such record that Letters Testamentary were  
accordingly  

Item I give to my son Daniel one Negro fellow called Jack rice to him and  
his Heirs forever  
Item I send to my wife Sarah the use of the house and Plantation wherein  
she dwelleth my son Elijah comes of age I likewise leave unto myself  
three Negroes named first Dinah and then after my Plantation Society  
Housefield and Kitchen furniture there head of others named Captain  
Bell and Romeo all my cattle & swine head of sheep all thy hogs and  
Minsow Cleg Dairies her widowhood then to be equally Divided Between  
my self and four daughters named Elizabeth, Nancy, Melby, Nancy and  
Sarah at the Description of my Est. to them and their Heirs forever  
Item I give to my son Elijah the Land and Plantation wherein he dwelleth  
to him and his Heirs forever  
Item the Money that is due me or note of hands otherwise I allot for  
the payment of my Debts  
Item I give to my son Nathan one mare to command his Heirs forever  
Item I give to my son Daniel one horse colt and my best saddle to him and his Heirs  
forever and Lastly I nominate and appoint my worthy friends  
Nathan Bryan and Stout Blackshear and Richard Tunnels  
Esq; with my wife Sarah Executive to this my last Will and Testament  
Ratifying and Dissolving all other Wills and Testaments heretofore  
made Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament whereunto I  
have set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
in the presence of us  
Jos. Mumford

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court May Term 1779

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Joseph Clegg 

John Barry  
Rachel Mallard   
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