

I Council Godding of the County of Jones 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, That my Executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, he owes and to whom even owing out the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

I then, I lend unto my beloved wife Barbara Godding all the land whereon I now live not heretofore divided off, to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood as her own right and property.

Item, I lend to my daughter Eloy Godding, all that tract of land known as the Wilcox Land, containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less, lying on Great River, to have and to hold during her natural life. Item, I give to Stephen H. Wilcox after the death of my wife, the two lower fields and woodlin lands, tract with the upper cross fenced to the back line, containing about one hundred and twenty five acres in the plantation where I now live, the line to extend to the big ditch that divides mine from Stephen Goddings land to have and to hold as his own right and property.

Item, I give to Thomas C. Wilcox after the death of my daughter Eloy Godding all that tract of land on Great River known as the Wilcox Land containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less, to have and to hold as his own right and property.

Item, In case of the death of either of my two Grand sons Stephen H. Wilcox or Thomas C. Wilcox the the other to have all the land that I have willed to both, if both die leaving no living children the land to be divided among all my grand children.

I then, I give to my grand daughter Mary Ann Herder all the land on the upper part of the plantation where I now live adjoining the land of Isaac Godding including the buildings, and to the line of Stephen H. Wilcox, and the woodlin land adjoining after the death of my wife to have as her own right and property, if she die leaving no children the above named land to be divided among all my grand children. Item, I give to my two grand sons Stephen H. and Thomas C. Wilcox five hundred dollars in money each to be paid by my executor after said also five hundred dollars to my grand daughter

Mary Ann Parker to be paid in the same way, if either of the
above named grand children die leaving no children the other his
the money.

Item. After the death of my wife I give to my son Stephen Gooding
the land on the west side of Ash branch known as the Grand Gooding
Tract to have and to hold as his own right and property.

Item. I give devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my
estate real personal and mixed of which I shall be seized, and
possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my
decease to my wife Barbara Gooding to have and to hold
the same to her and her heirs executors administrators and
assigns to her and their use and behoof forever.

And I do nominate and appoint my said wife Barbara
Gooding to be the sole executor of this my last will and Testament.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this the 11th day of October 1862.

Cornel Gooding Test.

James Herring
Emily Herring

Jones County Court of Pleas and
Quarter Sessions First Term 1865

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament
of Cornel Gooding deceased is exhibited for probate in Open Court
by Barbara Gooding the executrix therein named and the due
execution thereof by the said Cornel Gooding is proved by the oath
and examination of James Herring and Emily Herring the Subscribing
Witnesses thereunto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said
paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament
of the said Cornel Gooding and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed
and thereupon the said Barbara Gooding Executrix as aforesaid
only qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Ordered that letters Testamentary issue to her.
Attest J. P. Bellamy Clerk CC