

I Rachel Conner of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina. weak of body but of perfect sound mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

Imprimis That my executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent and Christianlike burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and that he pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my Estate.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my Grandson William H Bryan all the real estate which I own in the town of Trenton consisting of lots known in the plan of said town of numbers fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one and sixty-two, together with the improvement thereon to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son James R Conner two notes which I hold against him for One hundred Dollars each made payable to John H Bryan and George S. Moore & Co and the interests accruing on the same. I also give to my said son James One Hundred Dollars in cash to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item 3rd. I loan to my son Hardy O Conner during his natural life my negro man Lamon. I also loan to my said son Hardy O Conner during his natural life all the lands which I purchased of the administrator of Hardy Bryan deceased above and adjoining the town of Trenton lying on the North side of Crooked Run and South side of the main public Road or Street Reach and adjoining the lands of James McDaniel for his use and benefit. All of which property I desire to be subject to the entire Control and management of my grandson Wm H Bryan, who I constitute and appoint my Trustee to manage said business; and my will is that the said property shall not be subject in any manner to the payment of any debts or engagements now or at any time hereafter contracted by my said son Hardy O Conner, and after his death I desire the property mentioned in this item (3<sup>d</sup>), sold to the best advantage, and the monies arising from said sale to be equally divided among those of his children who survive him, and if there be none of them surviving him, I then wish the property shall be equally divided among my heirs at law, their heirs and assigns forever.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Allen all my notes which I may have at the time of my death (except those given heretofore to my son James R Conner in item number 2nd), to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann R Bryan my Mahogany Bedstead, a Loom, Spinning wheel, and my kitchen furniture to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 6th. I loan to my son Hardy O Conner during his natural life my nego woman Lizzie to be subject to the same restrictions and conditions as the property loaned to my said son as mentioned heretofore in item (3<sup>d</sup>). Should said nego woman survive my said son Hardy O Conner, I then give and bequeath the said woman Lizzie to my daughter Ann R Bryan to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Allen One Bed and furniture (which she has in possession), to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my two grandsons Wm H Bryan and William T my lawful Executors 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. In witness whereof I the said Rachel Conner do hereunto set my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1855.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Rachel Conner to be her last will and testament in presence of us, who at her request and in her full view subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

John H. Bryan  
Chas. H. Bryan

Rachel Conner

April Term A.D. 1857.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Rachel Cannon deceased is exhibited for probate in Open Court by William H. Bryan one of the Executors therein named, and the execution thereof duly proved according to law. 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 Rachel Cannon and the same was ordered to be recorded and filed. And therefore the said William H. Bryan Executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. And William Fry the other executor therein named came into Open Court and renounced a Executor thereof.

Attest Chas. Gerrard Clerk

In the Name of God Amen

I Jeremiah Cannon of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory. And Considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament. That is to say I give bequeath and dispose of as follows.

Item 1st To my beloved wife Susan Cannon my land and appurtenances whereon I now live during the term of her natural life, and after her death, I give the said land and appurtenances to my son Edward Cannon his heirs and assigns forever.

Also I leave unto my Wife One feather Bed and furniture, two Cows and Calves, ten Hens and fowls, two Sticks of But of her choice, two Pairs of Cows, Household and Kitchen furniture during the term of her natural life, and then to be divided equally among my heirs.

Item 2nd I give to my son Jeremiah Cannon the lands on which he now lives to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item 3rd I give to my son Edward Cannon ten Acres and Calves ten Sticks of But, one Feather Bed and furniture which he has now in his possession. I also give my son Edward One Yoke of Cows.

Item 4th I give to my daughter Charlot Johnson One Cow and Calf to her, her heirs and assigns.

Item 5th I give to my Grandson George Cannon, One Feather Bed to him, and Calves to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

All the rest residue and remainder of my foregoing Estate I leave to be sold by my Executor at public auction at a Credit of six months, to pay all my just and lawful debts and after my lawful debt are paid and discharged, the residue of the sale of my Estate to be equally divided between my heirs.

I likewise I make constitute and appoint my said son Edward Cannon to be Executor to this my last will and Testament to all intent and purposes hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal the Thirtieth of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Richard C. Bell, Ridding Scott,

Original deposited by ~~him~~ and difficult to decipher ~~the original~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~

Jeremiah Cannon

In the Matter of the Will of Jeremiah Cannon

April Term A.D. 1857.

The paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Jeremiah Cannon deceased is duly proved in Open Court by the testimony of Richard C. Bell and Ridding Scott the subscribing witnesses thereto, ordered that the same to be recorded accordingly to law. Thereupon it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Edward Cannon the Executor therein named in said will is dead, George Cannon comes into Court and is appointed administrator upon the will annexed upon the estate of Jeremiah Cannon deceased and qualified as such by taking the oath according to law.

Attest Chas. Gerrard Clerk