

155) Morris, London, Joseph, Pompey, Dole, Rose, Penn Hobbs
 Rebecca, Grace, Jenny and Lucy, For and during her natural
 life and after her Death I Give and Bequeath the aforesaid
 plantation whereon I now live, with the hettuckances unto her
 Son William Randal Cray to him his heirs and assigns forever
 And my will and desire is, that after my Daughters Elizabeth
 Cray's Death, the negroes which I have heretofore had namely
 Miss London, Judith, Pompey, Dole, and Rose, Penn, Hobbs, Rebecca
 Grace, Jenny and Lucy together with their increase be equally divided
 among all her Children then living here and share alike. —
 Item I also Give to my Beloved Daughter Elizabeth Cray one Mahogany Table
 One Black Creole Table, One Black Walnut Garable my two
 large looking Glasses, for and during her natural life and after her
 Death I Give the aforesaid Glasses to her Son
 William Randal Cray —
 Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson William Randal Cray
 five thousand acres of Land lying on the Weston Waters entituled
 in Copartnership with Joseph Target and Charles Robertson, and
 four Negroes namely Peter, Benjamin, Martin and Mary one
 Lot of Ground in the Town of Fayetteville one Horse named Gandy
 One Bed and furniture and all my Books to him his heirs and assigns
 forever —
 Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson John Cray one Coffe cup
 Set in Pewter and one large Bay named Cato and one Star
 called Cherubin Christopher to him his heirs and assigns forever —
 Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson John Cray one Negro Boy
 named Solomon to him his heirs and assigns forever —
 Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson Benjamin Cray one Negro
 Boy named Young Harris to him his heirs and assigns forever —
 Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Savannah Cray
 one negro Girl named Sarah with her increase to her heirs
 and assigns forever —
 Item My will and desire is that my Estate be left and continue
 on the plantation whence I now live for the use of the
 same —
 I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my Son-in-law
 William Cray and my friend Jacob Johnston Executor of
 this my last Will and Testament — (wherever all the remainder
 and residue of my Estate not herein Divided or given away
 I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Cray and her Heirs and
 Assigns forever — my will and desire is that my Daughter
 Elizabeth Cray pay all my just Debts and funeral Charges)
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 seal the day and year first written —

Signed sealed Published and declared the said
 Robert Grimes his last Will and Testament in
 presence of
 John Gandy
 Judith Cray
 Penn Hobbs

State of North Carolina
 Sampson County Court day Form 3773
 This was the within foregoing last Will & Testament of William
 Randal, the duly proved in open Court by the Castle of John
 Frank & Randal Johnston two of the Subscribers witness &
 so sworn. Also recorded at the same time William Cray one of the
 Deponents herein named Seal'd agreeable to Law Ordinance that
 Letters testamentary, being accordingly
 Attest, — *John Bryan* C.C.

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Grimes of Franklin
 State of North Carolina of Randal being of perfect and sound mind habbells
 to be made and causing to make the aforesaid writing of this Testimony upon
 and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it cometh therefore to make
 my last Will and Testament in manner
 and form following That being finished and done for all my fears most humbly
 desiring forgiveness for my transgresions I remitt unto Almighty God
 my Sins and Offences in earnest and by whom means I have and do
 gliberty to be saved and my Body committed to the Earth to be decently
 Buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named for settling my
 Temporal Estate and such Good Chriftlike to as it hath pleased God to bestow
 me I do order & give in manner following —

Item I order at a decent time after my Intervening my Masse follow to settle
 at Publick knowledge at Six months Credit, & the money arising from the same
 be applied to purchase a Burding Wench for the benefit of my Children —

Item I bind unto my beloved wife Rebecca Grimes all my Estate both Real and
 Personal, of whatsoeuer nature or kind whatsoever, until my son Lemuel
 Grimes arrives to the age of Twenty one Years, at which time I order an
 equal division of all the Land both in Leavently and Qualty, between
 my sons Lemuel and Allen Grimes and likewise at the same time an
 division of all my Personal Estate equally between my wife two daughters
 three Daughters —

Item After my son Lemuel and Daughter Nancy have received their parts
 (which I suppose will be nearly at one time) I mean that they other two
 Daughters Sarah & Charlotte's shares as well as my son Allen's should
 remain in the hands of my wife until shee the three come of age
 but should my wife Marry in the time Intervening that his share (which is the
 same as a Gob) be delivered up to my Executors for the benefit of my
 Children equally, and that these three shares shee has held in Trust for my
 this youngest Daughter & Son to be delivered to my Executors for
 their use — the lastly I do hereby nominate Constitute and ordene my
 well beloved Friend Daniel Randal and John Cray to be my whole and
 sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and to hereby utterly
 disallow & renounce to make void all and every will to Wills, legacies and
 bequests heretofore done or made written and bequeathed, Ratifying and
 Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and date this Fourteenth day
 October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty
 Nine

Signed sealed Published and declared the said
 Robert Grimes his last Will and Testament in
 presence of
 John Gandy
 Judith Cray
 Penn Hobbs

Robert Grimes *Sealed*

(See opposite other side)

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 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 both please God to bless me with I direct and dispose of 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 sleds given to him to have & to use upon payment of sum of £100 to my son Ernest my Silver Plate and Stock Books for ever & then I give to my son Jay Watson twenty Dollars to him to have & to pay forever. Furthermore this & above is that all my beloved wife's debts due my land (except that part added to my son James) to equally divided between my three youngest sons Ernest, Jay & my self as for the rest of my Negroes my wife to have they 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 husband my wife is that my Esq. late deceased to be equally divided between the rest of my plantation and the Negroes that may be left by me when I leave the same until they come of age and as they come of age to be given to them their part of the plantation and the Negroes that may be left by me when I leave the same. Furthermore Constitute and appoint my Brother Joseph Watson my son James Watson & my Friends Joseph & Andrew Eason and my beloved Negroes Executors 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

Joseph & Ray
witness

James Watson. R

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court House Town 1793

This was the within ~~open~~ Last Will 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 witness and James Watson two of the Executors herein named directed to draw and order that Letters be granted 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 and 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. And I hereby make and ordain 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
Signed by the said Sarah Farn
The Testator as for 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 Justices of the peace to be recorded

Attest J. H. M. A. H. C. 66

In the name of God Amen I do in 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 my Body & knowing of no appointed for alms need 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 to 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 — I impress. I send unto my beloved wife during her widowhood only two horses the whole of my cattle & all my Negroe & slave slaves the whole of my House Hold & Kitchen furniture the plantation wherein I now live including what is cleared on the