

I do remember that I Jeremiah Harris of Jones County in North Carolina, merchant being in a low state of Health that of a sound disposing mind & memory thinking of the Mortality of my Body that it is appointed for all men once to Die I have made a will and Testament in manner & form following - First of all I desire my Body to be decently Buried in Friends having grounded & my Sole I commend God that gave it, and Teaching my worldly Estate my last will is that all my just Debt be paid first within convenient time after my Death. - Then I give as much of my Estate to my Love Children namely Elizabeth Mary & Anne & Joseph as may Reason Educate & Support them to be fit for business. Then I give to my beloved Wife Amelia the use of all the remainder part of my Estate during the Term of her natural life or till her death and immediately after her death the half of my Estate to be Equally divided between my self and my four Children namely as a share Elizabeth Mary Anne and Joseph Harris unto their heirs forever lawfully I appoint my Wife Amelia Executors & Administrators of my Estate and ratify and confirm to be my last will & Testament and cannot alter this my will and sealed in presence of witnesses the 25th of the 9th 1798 Jeremiah Harris -

Test Amelia Sheppard -
J. Sheppard

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court November Term 1798
Then was presented last will & Testament of Jeremiah Harris dec. duly proved in our Court by the oath of Elizabeth Sheppard one of the subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be recorded at the same time & Amelia Harris Executor of said last will & Testament then named qualified as such. Ordered that latter Testamentary be accordingly

Attest
L. Morgan Clk

In the name of God Amen I Jeremiah Harris of Jones County being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do hereby solemnly swear for the same do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following - First of all I commend my Soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried at the Discretion of my Dear Wife & Executors my will also is that all my just and lawful Debts should be paid. Secondly I also give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Fanny Harris all my Stock of Every kind of Cattle and all my household furniture and plantation tools and blacksmiths tools and one third of my Negroes to her and her heirs and assigns for ever I also desire that she should quietly have the full privilege and use of one third of my plantation and Lands adjoining thereto to her and her heirs forever during her life also my will and desire is that all my Debt in Subscription and all the Lands I possess in Jones County should be sold and also the Lands I hold adjoining Joseph Hill in Jones County I also give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughters Elizabeth Mary & Anne Harris all the remainder part of my Estate Real & Personal to be Equally Divided between them quantity and quality then the eldest daughter comes of

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or married and if either of them should die before coming of age for the other to have all her property to them and if there their and assigns for ever also if my two Daughters should both die under age my will and desire is that my last beloved Wife Fanny should have the half of them both for her and her heirs for ever I also give to my Wife Fanny what same land age also household and about my well beloved Wife Fanny Executors and Abraham Dudley and a Abraham Dudley her and Thomas Dudley her Executors to have my last will and Testament hereby bequeathing all former wills by me made In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the Twenty sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety Six

Signed and sealed in presence of us
Wm George
Abraham Dudley
John S. Harrison

State of North Carolina
Jones County Court August Term 1796

Then was the foregoing last will & Testament of Jeremiah Harris dec. duly proved in open Court by the oath of William George one of the subscribing Witnesses unto said last will & Testament and at the same time Abraham Dudley and Thomas Dudley Executors thereof named and qualified as such. Ordered that latter Testamentary be accordingly & Attest

Wm George Clk

In the name of God Amen

I William Randall of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being weak in Body but of sound mind and memory do hereby solemnly swear for the same do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following -

Item First I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Ann two Lots of Land in the Town of Southern try one I bought of Mr Joseph Leach and the other of Mr Hill with all the improvements on the same four Negroes viz George Sam Lucy and Oliver and one Slave called Phoebe and one Slave called Raul and his wife one Riding Chair all the plate she had when I married her two Beds and Trunkers, one Mahogany Table and one Mahogany Tea Table two Mahogany Bedsteads one Desk and one large Trunk to her and her heirs and assigns forever and one half the Kitchen furniture

Item I give unto my Beloved Daughter Elizabeth Gray the Land and Plantation where on I now live and Twelve Negroes viz

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Wm. Harris, London, South, Pompey, Doll, Rose, Fanny, Esther, Rebecca, Grace, Jimmy and Lucy, for and during her natural life and after her Death I Give and Bequeath the aforesaid Plantation (whenever I may live), with the appurtenances unto her Son William Randal Gray to him his heirs and assigns forever. And my Will and desire is, that after my Daughters Elizabeth Gray's Death, the Negroes which I gave her during her husband's life in London, South, Pompey, Doll, and Rose, Fanny, Alice, Charles, Grace, Jimmy and Lucy together with their increase be equally divided among all her Children then living there and there alike.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Elizabeth Gray one Mahogany Table One Black Walnut Table, One Black Walnut Chair, One large looking Glass, for and during her natural life, and after her Death I Give the aforesaid Table and looking Glass to her Son William Randal Gray.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson William Randal Gray five hundred acres of Land lying on the Western Water entered in Copartnership with Fredrick Target and Charles Robertson, and four Negroes namely Esar, Benjamin, Atkinson and Mary one Lot of Ground in the town of Fayetteville one Horse named Chance One Bed and furniture and all my Books to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson John Gray one half acre of Land in England and one Negro Boy named Cato and one Slave called Cheroku Cheroku to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson John Gray one Negro Boy named Solomon to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson Benjamin Gray one Negro Boy named Young Norris to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Annanah Gray one Negro Girl named Sarah with her increase to her heirs and assigns forever.

Item My Will and desire is that my Will be left and continue for the plantation whenever I may live for the use of the same.

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend William Gray and my friend Jacob Johnston Executors of this my last Will and Testament. (Whereas all the Remainder and residue of my Estate not herein Divided or given away I Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Gray and her heirs and assigns forever. My Will and desire is that my Daughter Elizabeth Gray pay all my last Debts and funeral Charges)

I Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand And Seal the Day and Year first within Written

William Randal

Test

Signed sealed Published and declared for and in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

James Randal
Rebecca Randal
Elizabeth Randal

Swain County Court day Term 1793

It was the within Witnessing last Will & Testament of William Randal, do duly proved, in open Court by the Oath of John Branch & Richard Johnston two of the subscribing Witnesses & entered to be recorded at the same time William Gray one of the Executors named in said Will & Testament agreeable to Law & Order that better testimony I give accordingly

Wm. Randal

In the Name of God Amen, I Robert Grimes of Swain County State of North Carolina, do hereby being of perfect and sound mind and memory be to God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to call me. Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First being penitent and sorry for all my sins most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same. I recommend my soul unto Almighty God my Creator and Redeemer in whom and by whom I trust and believe myself to be saved and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named first settling my Temporal Estate and such Good Charities as I shall please God bestow thereon I do order & give in manner following

Item I order at a decent time after my Intestment my negro fellow called at Public Auction at six months Credit to the thirty dollars for or that he be applied to purchase a breeding Wench for the benefit of my Children

Item I Give unto my beloved wife Rebecca Grimes all my Estate both Real and Personal, of whatever nature or kind whatsoever, until my Son Samuel Grimes arrives to the age of Twenty one years, at which time I mean an equal division of all the Land both in Quantity and Quality between my Sons Samuel and Alexander Grimes and likewise at the same time a division of all my Personal Estate equally between my wife two Sons and three Daughters

Item After my Son Samuel and Daughter Nancy have received their parts (which I suppose will be nearly at one time) I mean that my other two Daughters Sarah & Charlotte's shares as well as my Son Alexander's should remain in the hands of my wife until there be three come of age but should my wife marry in the time I order that her share which is the same as a girl, be delivered up to my Executors for the benefit of my Children equally, and that her three shares she has had in Trust for my two youngest Daughters & Son be likewise delivered to my Executors for their use. And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and create my well beloved friend Daniel Randal and John Randal to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby utterly disallow disannul & make void all and every Will & Wills, legacies and bequests, Resolutions done or made Willing and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty three

Signe sealed Published and declared the said Robert Grimes his last Will and Testament in presence of
Jm. Randal
Rebecca Randal
Elizabeth Randal

Robert Grimes

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