

Deed of Gift 1831

In the name of God Amen I William Gibbs Lincoln
County State of North Carolina calling to mind the
uncertainty of this life and being of sound and disposing
mind and memory I thank be to God for his mercies do
on the fifth day of July A.D. One thousand eight
hundred and twenty nine make & Ordain this my last
will and testament and touching my estate of which
I am endowed with I give & dispose of the the same
in manner and form following. Item first I have my
my wife Elizabeth by names in full & ample possession
of my whole estate real and personal with all the
advantages thereof during her natural life or widowhood
or such part or parts as she may think fit to retain
at her own discretion and if there be any part of
said estate which my said wife should does not
think proper to retain it may be put to sale on
a reasonable credit but should there be any of my
slaves that my said wife does not wish to retain
for her own support I wish them to be hired out
till a full & complete distribution of my said
estate is about to take place which will be pro-
vided for in the proceeding part of this ^{my} will &
devise but if found inconvenient to hire out such
of my slaves that my wife may not think fit
to retain in her own immediate services they may
be put to sale on a reasonable credit provided
a majority of my children (legals) assent
thereto but the proceeds of such hire or sale
aforesaid to be considered as so much of my
undivided estate. Item I ^{and} I do hereby will &
devise that at or after the decease of my wife
or marriage as aforesaid that my whole estate
then remaining be divided into nine equal
shares that is to say a share to each of my
children nine in number to wit four sons
and five daughters viz sons Henry, John,
James and Wilkes, daughters Nancy

by my obedience, love, fear and duty, and in making
said decision I do hereby solemnly recommend to my said
children that they live and divide by an amicable agreement
so that my slaves remain in the family but in case
such agreement does not cannot be had I have directed the
legates then and in that case my whole estate real and
personal then remaining I do will & beget to be put to
public sale on a reasonable credit the proceeds thereof
without abatement of my estate that may then remain
I do hereby direct as my will after my just debts be
paid that the amount of my estate then remaining
be divided into nine equal parts or shares that is
a share to each of my children as aforesaid but
as my daughter Anne is deceased I do hereby will
thine that my children may come in to their
& claim in her stead all her part or share of
my estate as aforesaid But in making this distribution
I do hereby direct that my two sons John and John be
charged with the same, William has charge & make
in consideration of one waygon that has received
from me in conjunction to that amount more than
what my other children had received from their
mentioned share 3rd and lastly I do hereby constitute
and appoint my son John and my wife Elizabeth
before named in this my will and to receive the
Executor and Executors to execute this my last
will and testament in witness whereof I the said
William Gibbs have to this my last will & testament
set my hand and seal the date and as written
Wm Gibbs seal

Signed Sealed published and declared to said
William Gibbs the testator as his last will and
testament in the presence of us who were present
at the signing and sealing thereof.

Isaac H. Ware — Anna Gibbs & Elizabeth
Robert Sherman — John C. Brown
J. W. Jones — Johnson Jones