

Item second, I will and desire that my house and plantation where I now live and my land on the Creek, be valued equally and drawn for between my son Luke Ward and Laniel Ward the one which draws the larger valuation, pay over to the other of them so as to make them both equal.

Item third, I will and bequeath that my son John Ward have the sum of two hundred dollars to be raised out of my estate.

Item fourth, I will and desire that two small pieces of Land, one on the water piece, the other lying on the Muckling to be sold and his off among my children.

Item fifth, I will and desire that my daughters Anna Ward, Sarah Ward, and Nancy Ward, all three children, to have negroes, to the valuation of two hundred dollars each.

Item sixth, I will and bequeath unto my daughter Naomi Lizzit one Negro Girl, by the name of Silky.

Item seventh I will and desire that all the rest and residue of all my estate, to be equally divided among all my children to wit, My son John Ward, Joel Ward, John Ward, Laniel Ward, Luke Ward, Naomi Lizzit, Anna Ward, Sarah Ward and Nancy Ward in such a manner, that if any sale it may be among my children, all other persons, to be excluded from purchasing any of my estate before it be divided.

Item eighth, I do hereby appoint and constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved sons, James Ward, and Joel Ward to be my sole Executors, to this my last will and testament.

Item ninth, I will that Joel Ward, John Ward, Laniel Ward and Luke Ward, Anna Ward Sarah Ward, and Nancy Ward all of them to have one feather bed & furniture or so much of my estate, as will furnish them Children with such designed scales and acknowledged in the presence of, on the day and date above written.

Test Anna Laniel
John Ward
Laniel Laniel

James Ward & Seal

State of N. Carolina, June Term 1825, the within paper Martin County, writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Ward, was offered for probate by James Ward and Joel Ward, the Executors therein named which is dated 6th June 1825, and was duly proved by the oath of John Laniel & Lovick Laniel, the subscribing witnesses thereto who sworn that he executed the said will, in their presence, and that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time he signed the same, and that they signed the same in his presence, and they qualified as executors thereto.

H. B. Hunter Clk
By Jos Biggs Sen

18th June 1825 In the Name of God Amen - I James Neal of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin Being in a low State of Health But of Perfect Mind and Memory bearing that it is appropriate for all men to die and as it has pleased God to strip me with this world's goods I dispose of them in the following manner that is - I give unto my beloved wife Anna Neal all my property within doors and without during her lifetime and at her death to be disposed in the following manner (viz)
Item I give and Bequeath to William Whitaker and his son James one Hundred Dollars to be Equally divided between them two -
Item - All the residue of my property I give to be Equally divided between the heirs of James Neal and the heirs of Anna Neal -

It is our desire that our negro man Sandy should be Maniculated at our decease or his good Behaviour, and that the said Negro Sandy be under the control of William Whitaker - I James Neal doth disavow all other wills or Testaments of Wells - Signed and acknowledged in the presence of
James B. Harrison
James Harrison

James J. Neal
Mark

It is my desire that William Whitaker and Garen Laniel be Executors to this my last will and testament

State of N. Carolina, June Term 1825 the above instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Neal was proved in open court by the oath of James Harrison one of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be Recorded.

H. B. Hunter Clk
By Jos Biggs Sen

State of N. Carolina, In the Name of God Amen - I Sarah Smith of the county and State of Martin County, Georgia Being weak in Body But in Perfect Sense do make this my last will and testament - First I give and Bequeath my soul to God that gave it me and my Body to be decently Buried - My Land after that I do will and Bequeath to my son Andrew Harrell Craft and his heirs Lawfully Begotten of Fanny Craft the one half of my land that is to say to Harrell Craft his lifetime and then to be equally divided among said heirs the East Part of said land - the other half that is to say the West Part said Hill and Bequeath to my son-in-law James King and his heirs Lawfully Begotten of his wife that is to say to James King his lifetime and then Equally divided among said heirs given under my hand and seal this the 26th of April in the year of our Lord 1825.

Signed in the Presence of us
James King
John Hagle Sen

Sarah X Smith
Mark

State of N. Carolina, June Term 1825 the above instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah Smith was proved in open court by the oath of John Hagle one of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be Recorded -

H. B. Hunter Clk
By Jos Biggs Sen