

January Term 1839

In the name of God Amen I James Tennent of Martin County in the State of North Carolina being in a full state of body health but of a sound perfect mind memory and understanding do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows that is to say, first and foremost I will that my debts shall be paid

Then I give and bequeath unto my wife Christiany Tennent the land known by the name of Salsard and two negroes known by the name of Robert & Phanny, also two feather Beds & furniture also the house wherein I now live and the third of the plantation during her natural life or widowhood

Then I give and bequeath unto my four daughters viz Sarah Millicent, Minnie, and Nancy two negroes known by the name of Ed and Lucie to be equally divided among them. I will that I make part of the above negroes shall go to her son William Lenoir.

Then I give and bequeath unto my son William Tennent one negro but known by the name of Angile

Then I give and bequeath unto my two sons James Tennent & Thomas Tennent one negro man known by the name of Heuber to be equally divided between them

Then I give and bequeath unto my two sons Thomas Tennent and John Tennent one white mill and two acres of land whereon he is built to be equally divided between them

Then I give and bequeath unto my son John Tennent one feather Bed & furniture also one mare known by the name of Ellen also one negro boy known by the name of Allen

Then I give and bequeath unto my two sons Thomas Tennent and John Tennent one piece of land lying out at the great Hacklebury pond to be divided between them, by the branch that makes the pond the westwardly side to Thomas and the other to John

Then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Christiany Tennent two negroes known by the names of Edward and Hekey, also one feather Bed and furniture also two cows and Calves

Then I give and bequeath unto my son John Tennent the widow's third plantation and the land thereunto belonging not willed to my wife to her her heirs and assigns forever

Then I give and bequeath unto my son John Tennent after the death or widowhood of my wife the manor plantation and the land thereunto belonging and all other things that I have lent to my wife

Item, I leave I leave to my wife and my son John

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Now I do constitute and appoint my son James Tennent and my son John Tennent Executors of this my last will and Testament I revoke, disannul and make void all other wills and Testaments and acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of October 1838
 First John Hollings
 Second Thomas Tennent

James Tennent Seal

Martin County Term Oct 1837 The within instrument of writing was signed in open Court by the oath of John Hollings a subscribing witness agreeable to Law and ordered to be recorded

John B. Hunter Clerk

State of North Carolina January Term 1839
 Martin County Ordered that the foregoing will with the probate be recorded

John S. Rogers Clerk

State of North Carolina Martin County
 I John S. Hollings of the County of Martin aforesaid being sick in body but of a sound mind and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows viz
 First I give unto my wife Nancy Hollings one Negro one Cart one Hog all my household and kitchen furniture of every denomination with all my farming tools and Two Hundred Dollars in cash which sum I have raised out of my property and paid to my wife Nancy Hollings then I leave unto my wife Nancy Hollings her negroes during her widowhood. Then I leave the negro Ed & Hekey to be sold, also all my land in the County aforesaid I leave to be sold as my Executor thinks proper for the benefit and Education of my children. My wife and I desired that my Executor purchase a tract of land for my wife and children to live on such a one as he thinks most suitable. As the widow of my property not named in my will I leave to be sold, then I make and ordain my friend Churchills Perkins Executor to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 9th day of October 1838.

Witness That James
 Riley & Beach
 make

John S. Hollings Seal