

June Sessions 1826

In the name of God amen

I William Dabell of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being weak body but of sound disposing mind and memory do hereby constitute and appear this my last will and Testament making and disseminating all other here to fore made by me in manner and form following viz
Item I give and bequeath after the payment of my just debts all my property and possessions consisting of both personal and furnished to my much esteemed friends Samuel Rayman and William D. Bennett both of the County of Orange and it is my will and desire that they pay ^{herein} all my debts of it and the residue be equally divided between them to have and to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever In testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of June 1826 One thousand eight hundred and twenty six

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

John Dabell
Jeff T. Jones

Signed William Dabell & seal

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In the name of God amen I Luke Mizelle son of the County of Martin an Slave of North Carolina planter being well stricken in years and knowing the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following (viz) First and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly goods as shall here please God to bless me with I will and bequeath in manner and form following that is to say I stand to my wife before her death my land and plantation as long as she remains a widow. Stand to my wife all my cattle and hogs except my oxen. Stand to my beloved wife one bed and furniture and all my house hold furniture. Item I give to my son Luke Mizelle my work clothes and two hats and attorney working tools likewise those things above mentioned to my wife what remains when she deceases to my son Luke likewise my Servant. Hair and coll my black hair to be sold and the money so arising to be equally divided between my three Daughters. Nancy Polly and Penney my and desire is that my sheep should be equally divided between my four children my will and desire is that my three Daughters among Polly and Penney should the cattle that I have before given to them there are four I likewise nominate and appoint my son Luke my whole and sole executor to this my last will and Testament in writing which contains I have set my hand and seal this 8th day of Sept 1826
Test William Mizelle
Signed Luke Mizelle & Seal
George G. Hubbard
Notary

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State of North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Martin County 3 September 1826

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Luke Mizelle was proven in open Court and power in due form of law and on motion was ordered to be recorded Also Luke Mizelle Jun^r qualified as Executor to the same

Attest Henry B Hunter Clerk
by Dray J Slade Clerk

In the name of God amen I Lewis Paris Jun^r of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind (thanks be to God for the same) but failing to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to dispose of my Mortality goods where with it has pleased God to bless me in the manner following

First I recommend my soul to God who first gave it me and my body to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Paris one bedstead bed bedding and furniture together with the cloth & Spain stuff She claims as hers also one Negro man named Frank being a Negro slave hitherto given her said Nancy a Due of gift for to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lura Paris one bedstead bed bedding and furniture together with the cloth & Spain stuff She claims as hers also one Negro man named Frank being a Negro slave hitherto given her said Lura a Due of gift for to her and her heirs forever

Item I give unto Mary Scott Daughter of Nancy Scott one hundred Dollars in Cash or less to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Abram Paris the land and plantation wherein I now live with the exception of the crop then in hand under my common title and called mine provided the rest of my children should think proper to let the terms that now works on the farm continue to land and save said crop otherwise said crop to belong to said Abram to him and to his heirs forever A.B The afo mentioned Land comprehends the land shears for gave him said Abram a Due for and also my Beaufort to him and his heirs forever

No further my will and desire that my Negro man Charles together with all the rest of my Negroes not otherwise disposed of and all the rest of my property not otherwise disposed off be equally divided among all my