

John R. Harrell's Will

In the name of God Amen; I John Harrell being in sound mind and memory, thank be to God, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, Viz. I give to my Brother Luke Harrell all of my right, title and interest in and to the following Negroes, Marinda, Lucinda, Oliver, Solomon, Silas, Weller, together with all my right, title and interest in and to all the perishable property, that I am seized and possessed of, of every description—Should my Brother Luke Harrell die, without leaving any lawful issue or lawful begotten child, then I give all my property as above described of every description to be equally divided between my three Sisters, Frances Harrell, Emily Harrell and Temperance Harrell.

I do hereby constitute and appoint Wm R Williams Executor of this my last Will and Testament—
Given under my hand & Seal this 14th Nov 1855
John R Harrell (Seal)

Witness

Martha Ann Skiles' Will

I, Martha Ann Skiles, of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say—

- 1st That my Executor (Whomever named) shall provide for my body a decent burial in a Walnut Coffin lined with plain blacked homespun of to be had, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, however & to whomsoever coming, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate.
- 2nd I give and bequeath to my Brother Starky Skiles, my negro man Dolly to him and his heirs forever.
- 3rd I give and bequeath to my Brother Thomas R Skiles, all my Note, and money after paying my debts, also my Bed and furniture consisting of bedstead, bed and Matrap, 2 chairs, two Pillows, two Shirts, eight bed quilts, one Cambric, two Counterpane, one Rose Blanket, two pair Pillows Skies, one Spread, one set bed Curtains and foot Valance also three trunks, and one chest to him and his heirs forever.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Bryant Bennett my lawful Executor to this my last Will and Testament which he shall execute according to the true intent and meaning of

Martha Ann Skiles' Will Continued

same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me by me heretofore made. In witness whereof, I the said Martha Ann Skiles, do hereunto, set my hand and seal the fifth day of May A.D. 1863

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Martha Ann Skiles to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Wm R. Harmon

Jesse A. B. Cooper

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Martin County
Oct. Term 1863

Then was the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha A Skiles, do produced in open Court and the due execution thereof by the said Martha A Skiles, proved by the oath and examination of Jesse A B Cooper one of the subscribing witnesses thereto—Whereupon it is considered by the Court, that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said decedent, sufficient to pass both real & personal property—Ordered that the said Will with the probate be recorded—whereupon Bryant Bennett comes into open Court and duly qualifies as executor by taking the oath prescribed by law—
Wm H. Harrell Clerk

Wm R Harmon's Will

In the name of God Amen, I William Harmon, being in sound mind and memory, thank be to God do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, Viz. I give to my wife Henrietta all my Household & Kitchen Furniture, our cows & pigs, all my Sheep, four Milch Cows & calves, her choice of three of my Horses or Mules, Stock & Hens, such plantation tools as she may want to live, one Bag of stock, one Cow grass for vision for herself and family, all of my Poultry, one set of Black Smith tools, one hundred dollars in Money, and an equal share of my Negroes, with my children—

2nd It is my Will & desire that my wife should give to each one of my children, when they become of Age, Real Estate & Furniture—
3rd The balance of my property of every description I give to my children Henry, William Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Harmon, William Harmon, Harmon, John Harmon, Harmon, Sarah Ellis Harmon, Harmon, Man or Harmon and Elizabeth Sobay Harmon to be equally divided between them the following manner, as each one becomes of Age, he or she is to draw out his portion and so to continue to draw out their portion as they become of age until they give out all receives her 4th I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Henrietta Harmon Executor to this my last Will & Testament—
Given under my hand and Seal this 24th June A.D. 1863

Witness

Thos Jones,

Nancy Harrell

A. P. Harmon

an deposed on my Will July 1, 1864

Wm R Harmon

Wm H. Harrell

I do make and declare this as a Codicil of this my last Will and Testament of events to my wife Henrietta Harmon one my son Harmon during her Natural life, and after her death to go to my children equally, as my other property—
Given under my hand & Seal this 1st July 1864
Wm R Harmon