

October Term 1844

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Clark of the State of N. Carolina and County of Martin being in a sound state of health at this present time but in feeble mind and memory being to be thought of for the same but calling out mind that it is appointed for all persons to die do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner & form as follows

First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God whom first gave it and my body to be decently buried by my friends and as for my little property I shall dispose of it as I shall hereafter mention

Item I give & bequeath unto my friend Samuel Cherry my be believed that I live or with all the furniture that belongs to the said & that this be his forever

Item I give and bequeath unto Sunday Parsons who now lives with me my other Bed and Trunk & all the furniture that belongs to the same to her and her heirs forever

Item I give my wife and desire that all the Bed Clothing that I have besides what belongs to my two Bedchambers mentioned in my description shall be equally divided between Samuel Cherry & Sunday Parsons to them and their heirs forever

Item I give my wife & desire that all the balance of my Property to be sold or account of Six months & the money & profits arising from the said sale of said property to be equally divided between Sunday Parsons & William H. Warrick's daughter of Perry Oak to them & their heirs forever

Lastly I do nominate constitute & appoint my friend Samuel Cherry as Executor to this my last will & Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 29th day of September 1844

Joseph Clark acknowledged in the presence of us

Joseph Clark test
witness

W. Anderson
C. Cherry

State of North Carolina
County of Martin
The foregoing paper writing was produced before me in open Court by the oath of W. Anderson & C. Cherry submitting witness thereunto & I have read & approved it to be read as follows
Whereupon Samuel Cherry came forward & qualified as Executor to the said

J. D. Perry Atk

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State of North Carolina
County of Martin
I Joseph Clark of the State of N. Carolina and County of Martin being in a sound state of health at this present time but in feeble mind and memory being to be thought of for the same but calling out mind that it is appointed for all persons to die do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner & form as follows

First that my executor hereafter named shall pay for my body & decent burial such to the value of my relations and pay all expenses together with my just debts out of the monies that may hereafter come from the recovery of the said estate

Item I give unto my Mother the said John Clark tract of land which David Martin now lives on that three such acres as she may select to work upon her to have and to hold both land & contents during her natural life and further that she be well supported out of my estate during her lifetime and then to my son William

Item I wish all of my personal property of any kind which what my Mother may wish and my executor shall to pay my debts

Item I give my wife and desire that my Estate tract of land should be sold as a credit of six and twelve months and of the monies arising from sale of my personal estate be employed to pay my debts then for the balance to be made up to my deficiency

Item I give my wife and desire that the Old place which my Father lived be sold in a credit of two and three years bearing interest after one year excepting the garden and in said land which I wish to be reserved for the family and that the land be made up to my deficiency

Item I give my wife and desire that my John Clark piece of land be sold in a credit of one year and three years bearing interest after one year

Item I give my wife and desire that all the monies arising from the above said sales after paying my just debts go for the support of my Mother and the balance go to and belong to my son William & I give

Item I wish and desire that my son William be well educated out of my Estate and that he live with his grand Mother & I give

Item I give to my son William & I give the following names (subject to my Mother choice of three below named) viz. John Clark, John, Mary, Sarah, Eli, David, John, & I give a badger, John, Redding, John, Anthony, Henry, Thomas, Haggan, Isaac, Charles, Ralph, John, Henry, David, David, & I give to him his share but should he die before he is twenty one years of age then in that case I give to John Clark & I give two shares by the name of Henry and Anthony to him his share after which I wish to be sold as a credit of six and twelve months and of the monies arising from sale of my personal estate be employed to pay my debts then for the balance to be made up to my deficiency

Item I give my wife and desire that the Old place which my Father lived be sold in a credit of two and three years bearing interest after one year excepting the garden and in said land which I wish to be reserved for the family and that the land be made up to my deficiency

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John Clark and J. D. Perry my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according