

Robert Green's will

In the name of God Amen.

I Robert Green of the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina being in good health and in the exercise of all my mental faculties and being admonished by the accumulation of declining years to make an equitable distribution of every thing committed to my stewardship by a good providence to those having the best right to succeed me do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following to wit

In as much as I have already given more to each of my four eldest daughters Betsey Harris, Eliza Green, Sally McLeod and Nancy Shamerwell than I can hope to be able to give each of my younger children it is my will that they now receive any more of my worldly estate

It is my will that my beloved wife Polly Green have two negro servants Abram and Hannah one choice horse, one feather bed and furniture a sufficiency of cattle, sheep, hogs, provisions and lands on my home and Townsends forty tracts for the use of her family during her lifetime in lieu of her dower and year provisions

I hereby give my son James S Green one half of my Townsends forty tract of land on which he now lives the other half of said tract to my son Christopher S Green and the tract on which I now live and a my thirty tract to my son Hartwell S Green subject however to the reservations made for my wife during her life time

It is my will that all my negroes be valued by three discreet and disinterested freeholders of said County and as equally divided as possible among Rebecca Munroe, James S Green, Christopher S Green, Sally Dobson, Charity Fook, Nancy Harris, Mary Green, Hartwell S Green, and Martha Green all to be distributed by lot except Sam which I will to James S Green and and Mary to Rebecca Munroe now in their possession at their true valuation

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I will that all the balance of my property be sold on a reasonable credit to the highest bidder the proceeds added to my cash on hand and papers due from other persons at my death, and out of the amount all my Just debts paid and the balance divided equally among my last named nine youngest children

At the death of my wife Polly Green it is my will that the negro and other property left her during her life time be sold or rightly valued and the amount equally divided among my said nine youngest children

I hereby appoint and constitute my son James S Green my true and lawful executor to carry out all the provisions of this my last will and Testament working and making good all wills made by me herebefore

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three

In presence of
S. Chappell
C. M. Callum

Robert Green Seal

Montgomery County Court July, September 1848

Then the foregoing will was brought into open Court and the handwriting of William Chappell & Edward M. Callum the witnesses thereto, was proven by the oath of Martin Rush as also the hand writing of Robert Green the Testator by the oath of the said Martin Rush and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Robert Green was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the date of the execution of said last Will and Testament It was ordered by the Court that the same be recorded

Nathl. Knight, Clerk