

Archd Douglass Will

I Archibald Douglass of the County of Moore 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

First That my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Rosa all of my land whereon I now live it being in Moore and Cumberland Counties on Cape Fear River (with the exception of one hundred and forty seven and a half acres my son Daniel Douglass lives on and claims of his) including my mansion house all out houses and other improvements also I give and devise to my wife one hundred and ninety seven acres of land on upper little River Cumberland County by the name of the Swan tract to have and to hold to her the said Rosa for and during the term of her natural life or widow-hood

Item I also give and devise to my beloved wife all of the Negroes belonging to the premises also all of the stock of every description and poultry of all kinds also beds and clothing of all descriptions House hold and kitchen furniture Waggons and Vehicles I now have She the said Rosa is to have and to hold during of her natural life and widow-hood and if the trouble and burden be too large for her it is my desire for her to have a sale of the perishable property and distribution to be made equally between every son and daughter of mine after my death with the exception each and every daughter

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is to have a horse apiece worth fifty dollars
Item I am come in for an equal share with my sons for two reasons of the sons having land given them and the daughters none

Item I give and devise to my son Daniel Douglass one hundred and forty seven and a half acres of land a part of where his dwelling house is the ballance on Cape Fear River to have and to hold to him the said Daniel Douglass his heirs and assigns for ever

Item I give and devise to my son Abel Douglass one hundred and fifty acres of land on upper little River Cumberland County which is to be surveyed giving him choice of the Swan tract he is to take as he thinks best so that he leaves River land in the division to each part to have and to hold to him the said Able Douglass for and during of the term of his natural life and to his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and devise to my daughter Darcas wife of James H. Crawford one Negro girl by the name of Lemmy and her increase also one horse worth fifty dollars to her and her personal representatives forever
Item It is my wish that all the money in hand at my death and all notes and accounts due me not collected at that time if there be any more than is necessary to defray the expenses of the premises the overplus for distribution to be made equally share and share alike equally between each and every one of my Children

Item It is my wish for my Negro woman Jude to have choice to live with either of my Children after the death of myself and my wife

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 It is my wish for the Negroes to be divided among Children or in the neighborhood where they can be or go to see their wives for a satisfaction to them

Item The true intention and meaning of this my last will and testament is for my wife to enjoy all of real and personal estate during her life and widowhood if it be her wish without wasting of it and then an equal division to be made between all of my living Children if they may agree on but my choice would be for them to divide and not have a sale

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends Rosa Douglass, Nathan Douglass and Daniel Douglass my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said Archibald Douglass do hereunto set my hand and seal This 28th day of March A.D. 1854

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Archibald Douglass to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

John Douglass Archibald Douglass (Sen)
 John McPhee

Court of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter
 Moore County } Sitting July Term 1854

On due execution of the within paper writing is sworn in open Court by the oaths of John Douglass and John McPhee being witnesses thereof that it is the will and Testament of Archd Douglass and the same is admitted to be true in solemn form and order to be recorded and filed among the records of the Court

William Dalrymple's Will

In the name of God Amen
 I William Dalrymple of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina, do make publish and declare the following paper writing to be my last will and Testament To wit
 I will and Devise to my Nephew Archibald Dalrymple Son of my Brother John Dalrymple all the Lands I now live on Estimated to be seven hundred and fourteen acres to the same more or less Except one half acre including the graveyard my Father's grave being in the center I will and Devise to Archibald Dalrymple son of my Brother John Dalrymple a Negro woman named and a female child named Martha

Let my debts Funerall Expenses be payed and the remainder of my Estate of every Description I leave one sixth part to the heirs of my Sister Mary and one sixth part of my Estate to the heirs of my Brother John Dalrymple and one sixth part of my Estate to the heirs of Brother Archibald Dalrymple and one sixth part of my Estate I leave to the heirs of my Brother James Dalrymple and one sixth part leave of my Estate to the heirs of my Sister Anne and one sixth of my Estate I leave to the heirs of my Sister Jean McPhee

I do hereby Nominate and appoint David Foster my Executor to this last will Testament

I do hereby Declare and publish this my last will and Testament canceling all other will by me made In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Seal this November the 28th 1850

Wm Dalrymple (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of
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 John McPhee
 John M. Foster
 A. J. Foster