

213 Alexander Robertson Will

I Alexander Robertson of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing ~~sound~~ mind and conscious of the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

Then I will and desire that after my death my Executor shall sell at such time and on such terms as he thinks best for the Interest of my Estate all my Estate whether real personal or mixed and out of the proceeds that he pay all my Just Debts and that as early as ~~possible~~ as may be practicable he shall pay over all the surplus of my Estate to my beloved wife Lucy Roberson to be hers absolutely—

I then I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my trusty friend Alexander Kelly my Executor to carry out and execute this my will.

This 17th of March 1851

signed in the presence of } Alexander Robertson
John Morris

Malcolm McIntosh

Moore County Court April Term 1851

The Execution of the foregoing will was duly proven in open Court and admitted to probate by the oath of John Morris and Malcolm McIntosh the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and entered in Book B Page 213

A. L. Curry Clerk

Benjamin Shields Will

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Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Shields of the State of North Carolina and County of Moore make and Ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit,

I will and bequeath to my wife Lydia Shields all my property of every kind both real and personal to have and to hold during her widowhood and until my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years except so much thereof as will be required to pay all my Just Debts.

I then my Executor is authorized to sell any kind of property she can best spare to pay my debts either at private or Public sale as she may think best that is if there cannot be a sufficient sum of money raised by the sale of my cotton to pay my debts and support the family with what is due me which I think cannot be done.

Then I give all my property to my wife for the purpose of raising and educating my children as well as she can with the means I have left.

Then in the event that she does not remain a widow then all my property of every description both real and personal must be sold and equally divided between my wife and each of my children share and share alike.

Then when my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years ~~all~~ then all my property is to be sold and divided equally between my wife and each of my children share and share alike.

I then I nominate and appoint my wife Lydia Shields my sole Executor to this my last will and testament signed and sealed this 9th day of April 1851.

I will to my Daughter Lydia Bette Shields one cow & calf in presence of the

undersigned

M. D. McNeill

B. Shuck

Benjamin Shields (Test)

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A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin Shields was brought into Court by Mrs Lydia Shields and offered for probate and doctored
 That a subscribing witness thereto was regularly examined by the Court who proved that said instrument was executed by said Shields in his presence and in presence of the other subscribing witness thereto and that at the time it was so executed said Shields was of sound and disposing mind and memory whereupon it was ordered by the Court that said paper writing be admitted to probate recorded in the Book of wills in the clerk's office and filed among the papers of his office and the said Lydia Shields was duly qualified in open Court as executrix of the last will and testament of said Benjamin Shields
 A. C. Conroy M

Hugh Kellys Will.

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In the Name of God Amen I Hugh Kelly of the County of Horry & State of North Carolina Being of sound mind and memory knowing the mortality of my body do publish and ~~make~~ and ordain the following to be my last will and testament

I give set I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Kelly during her natural life the Plantation on which I live with farming utensils for two hands and such portions of my stock as my Executors hereinafter named may think sufficient for the support of the family also one Horse & Carriage during life.

I also leave her during her natural life my Negroes (namely) Dicy Jounnah & Ben the above named Negroes to be subject to the contrall of my Executors my wife receiving the proceeds of their labor

I give I will and bequeath to my son Angus B Kelly fifty Dollars, I also will and bequeath to the children of Angus B Kelly the Plantation which he lives at this time

I give I also will and bequeath to my son Daniel B Kelly the sum of fifty Dollars and the Plantation on which he now lives

I give I will and bequeath to my son Hugh Kelly the sum of One hundred Dollars

I give I will and bequeath unto my son Ashibald Kelly and Kinneth B Kelly the Plantation which I live to be Equally divided betwixt them at any time my wife having the same power to clear and cultivate the same as if it had not been divided I also will to Ashibald & K B Kelly one Shop & set of Smith tools also fifty Dollars each I also will and bequeath Aitch & K B Kelly after the death of their mother a Negro Boy Ben

I give I will and bequeath to my son Ole Kelly and the children of Angus B Kelly after the death of my wife a Negro Woman Dicy

I give I will and bequeath to my daughter the child or children of Catherine Margaret Moore