

427 Burton Drakes Will

In the Name of God I men Burton Drakes of the County of Moore living in my body & of sound mind and memory just and effecting that all men must die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following - First I will that all my just debts be paid - Item. I will that the tract of Land lying on both sides of Little Muffler containing one hundred acres be sold by my Executors when they may think proper to do so and the Money laid out by them in supporting my Children - Item. I give unto my lot of Martha Drakes the whole of the半數 of my property of every denomination or kind during her widowhood or life for the purpose of raising my Children from any charge - Then at her death or marriage to be equally divided between my Children and her self and I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Martha Drakes and my Brother John Executors of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal my seal this 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1824

in the presence of us  
Wm Judd

T. Drakes Seal

Given & Acknowledged

Moore County Court Term 1825

The above will was duly proven in Open Court by the oath of William Judd a subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded - Martha Drakes one of the Executors therein named duly qualified.

Corn Drakes

William Smiths Will

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In the Name of God I men William Smith of the County of Moore & State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect Mind blessed be God, do this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty four make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following viz.

First I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Jenny Smith all my personal property consisting of our House four Lemire tools Farming tools & all other utensils belonging to me & my Household furniture in full my tent and two Gold Etole containing two hundred and twenty five acres of Land I give and bequeath unto Jenny Smith my wife during her life time and after her decease I will Rigaunc that my land with what remains of my personal property be equally divided among my Children in peace and quietness Viz. William Nathan and Sarah Smith and Fanny Drakes Sarah Drakes and Jenny Eagle and David Bradawson that if the legalities can agree in the Division of it to be sold to the highest bidder & the Money arising from the sale to be equally divided among my Children after the decease of my wife Jenny Smith & I hereby appoint and command my Friends Philip & William of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said William Smith have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed published and witnessed by his said son William F. Smith (seal) his testator in his last will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing hereof

Moore County Court Term 1826.

The will of which the above is a true copy was duly proven in Open Court by the Oath of Simon W. Hill a Subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded and Philip W. Hill the Executor thereto named duly qualified according to Law -

Corn Drakes