

George Wilcox's Will

I George Wilcox of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & 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 to wit say

First my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for body adecently burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debt, liabilities and all whatsoever owing out of the money that may come into his hands as to part or parcel of my estate. Then I give and bequeath to my son John Wilcox the sum of one dollar, and a negro boy Tom which he has in his possession with all that I am able to leave him and do justice to my other children. Then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca the sum of the dollar this said the negro I have given them heretofore I consider a fair and equitable amount of them of my estate.

Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Nash the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid by my executor (to be hereafter named) this sum with the negro I have heretofore given her I consider a fair and equitable portion of my estate.

Then I give and bequeath to the child of my son James the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to him or guardian by my executor (hereinafter named) this sum with the negro Mary I give James I consider a fair and equitable portion of my estate - but I desire that should the said child of my son James die before he becomes of age then this sum shall revert to my heirs again. Then I will and bequeath to my son Joseph the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to him by my

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my executor (hereinafter named) this sum with the negro boy Jack, heretofore given him I think a fair and equitable portion of my estate.

Then I will and bequeath to William P. Wilcox for the use and benefit of his child William the sum of five hundred dollars this sum he shall pay and send dollar to himself with the amount of money I shall have to pay for him I consider a fair and equitable portion of my estate.

Then I give a bill of sale to my daughter Mary for a Negro girl named Ann and a bill of sale to my son George for a boy named John and I desire that the balance by my negroes, Anne, Patience, Emily, Sam, Isaac, Sam, Victor, Chailitt, Sam, & Clara shall be divided among my children Mary, George, Martin, Robert, and Harmon to share and share alike after deducting of from the value the negroes which I have given to Mary & George which sum is to be divided out of Mary and George portion of said negroes.

Then I will and bequeath to my children Mary, George, Martin, Robert & Harmon the tract of land on which I reside containing about five hundred and thirty seven acres and to hold to them and their heirs forever simple for ever heretofore of my estate and after named, shall desire or consider it better to sell said plantation so as to facilitate their removal to another country or otherwise then and therefore this may be done by the consent of the guardian of Robert and Harmon, and the executor hereafter named to sell under the above circumstances, on such terms and time as they may see fit for the benefit of all concerned but if they should not wish to remove or it is not desirable to sell at the time Harmon becomes of age the whole

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of said lands like said and the proceeds thereof
to be paid to the

Item Whereas I have sold my tract of land
on the North Side of Deep River to Samuel C
Bruce and Alexander C. Dickerson and W. P.
Wilcox and there is now a suit pending in
Mort Court concerning this land, my
desire and wish about this land is that
in case the title goes back to me in any
action of law or compromise or in any
other form or manner that then and
then my said executor, to be hereafter
named, shall have full power to sell and
convey said land, on such terms and
in such manner as would be considered
to the benefit of my estate.

Item My last wish is that all the residue
of my estate after taking out the debts, and
legacies above mentioned shall be sold
and the debt owing to me collected and
all the surplus over and above the payment
of my debt & the above legacies shall be
equally divided and paid over to my
children Mary, George, Martin, Robert &
Herman in equal proportion share
and share alike between and each and
every one of them their executors administrators
and assigns absolutely forever.

Item I do hereby constitute and appoint my
son George Wilcox and my daughter Mary
Wilcox my lawful executors to all intents, uses
and purposes to execute this my last will
and testament according to the true meaning
and intent of the same and every part and
word thereof hereby writing
and declaring clearly to wit all
other wills and testaments heretofore
made by me to be null and void.

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I the said George Wilcox do hereby set my
hands and seal this 18th Dec 1856

Signed Sealed published
and declared by said George Wilcox (Seal)
to be his last will & testament in
the presence of us who at his
request viz his presence do subscribe
our names as witnesses, to wit
C. Chalmer
& C. Campbell

Whereas I George Wilcox have made my
last will and testament in writing bearing
date on the 18th of December 1856 and now
wishing to make a change in the last time
by this writing, which I hereby declare to
be a Codicil to my last will to be taken
and construed as a part thereof
I do hereby revoke the appointment of my daughter
Mary Wilcox as my executrix and I hereby
appoint in her stead William Nash my
son in law and for said Nash to execute this
my last will and testament. In testimony
whereof I hereunto set my hands and seal
this 18th June 1857 George Wilcox (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & declared by said
George Wilcox to be a Codicil part of his last
will & testament in presence of us who at his
request and in his presence and in the presence
of each other do subscribe our names as
witnesses thereto the witnesses made in seventh &
eighth lines before the signing and
Munchies the Lane
C. Chalmer (Seal)
& C. Campbell (Seal)