

Benjamin Shields Will contd

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 admitted. That a subscribing witness thence was regularly examined by the court who found that said instrument was executed by said Shields in his presence and in presence of the other subscribing witness and that at ~~that 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 clerks 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.

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Hugh Kelly's Will

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

Item 1<sup>st</sup> 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 portion of my Stock as my Executors hereinafter named may think sufficient for the support of the family also One Horse & Cough during life.

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

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I also will and bequeath to my son Daniel B Kelly the sum of fifty dollars and the Plantation on which he now lives

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my son Hugh Kelly the sum of One hundred Dollars

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my son Archibald Kelly and Kenneth 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 Archibald & K B Kelly one shop & set of Smith tools also fifty Dollars each I also will and bequeath Arch & KB Kelly after the death of their mother a Negroe Boy Ben

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my son De Kelly and the children of Angus B Kelly after the death of my wife A Negroe Woman Dicy

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I will and Bequeath to my daughter the child or children of Catherine Margaret Moore