

Peter Sextons Will

In the Name of God Amen. Peter Sexton of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being very sick in body but in good and perfect Mind and Memory thanks be given to God for the same do make and ordain this to my last will and testament in form and manner following and hope it will be received by all as such - I am old and beguine unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Sexton the tract of Land where I now live containing twenty five Acres with all the improvements thereon during her life or Widowhood I also lend and bequith unto her one Negro Woman by the Name of Rose during her life or Widowhood. I also lend her two Mares her life or Widowhood, and it is my Request that these Mares shall be put to the Horse and Mallow and Shoolom Hirs the best - I also lend unto her the Stock of Hogs and Cattle and Household furniture I also lend unto her all the plantation tools - I then, Give unto my beloved son Absolom Sexton one Shot gun. I then, Give and bequith unto my beloved son Allen Sexton one Musket, I then, Give and bequith unto my beloved daughter Mary Sexton Twenty three Dollars for the said Money to be Collected in the Space of two years and put out on interest I then, Give and bequith unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Sexton one feather bed. I then, Give and bequith unto my beloved son Lincolnton Sexton one Shot gun. I then, Give and bequith unto my Grand daughter Sally Carpenter one Cud and Calf to be bought the 25th day of that December, I then, Give and bequith unto my son Allen Sexton one Horse at his Mothers decease. I then, Give and bequith unto my son Lincolnton Sexton one Horse at his Mothers decease. After my wife decease the rest of the property to Equally divided between our Children and I do appoint and Ordain my wife Elizabeth Sexton and John Rollings to be sole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament. And I the said Peter Sexton do revoke and disannul all other wills Made by me therefore In Witness my hand and Seal this 14th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Nine. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

John Partridge
John Rollings

Peter T. Sexton
Mark

Moore County Court August term 1817
The above Will was duly proven in Open Court by the oath of John Partridge and ordered to be recorded.
Corn Dows Clerk

The Executors named in this Will refused to Qualify. Whereupon Administration was granted to John Partridge and John Rollings and the said Will was duly proved and recorded to Law

James Joseph Cates will

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Cates of Moore County being of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory thank be God do this fourth day of July in the year of our Lord 1817 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first to all my Creditors their lawful dues I to my beloved wife Mary Cates I give and bequith one Horse saddle and bridle one Cow and Calf one Stear and pigs one feather Bed and furniture one small trunk one three gallon ket and the rest of my pying pan, one six quart pater box, one pater Dick and three plates one pint Decanter, one Stone pot and all the silver ware one Cud one Skinner one Shear and flesh fork, one liming trowel, one Clashing bar, one Hair trowel, the above mentioned Property is to belong to my wife during her life time, but after her decease her Estate divided among my Sons. I Request the remaining part of my personal property to be sold at the discretion of the Executors and divided in the following manner that is to say into six Equal parts to be distributed in the following Manner first to my wife Mary Cates one Sixth part. To my son Joseph Cates one Sixth part. To my daughter Sally Edins one Sixth part, To my daughter Elizabeth Cates one Sixth part. To my son George Cates one Sixth part, leaving out of his Equal part the sum of twelve Dollars and one half to my son James Cates one Sixth part leaving out of his Equal part the sum of twelve Dollars and one half, which sum of twelve Dollars and one half I leave out of my son George & James Cates parts that go to make a Seventh part which I give and bequith to my daughter Mary Jones or her heirs, and my son Estate or Lands I leave of in the following manner that is to say I to my beloved wife Mary Cates I give and bequith one third part including my several dwelling house during her lifetime and after her decease to be divided among my Sons Joseph Cates and to his Children if he have any. If not at his decease to be Equally divided between his two Brothers George Cates I to my third part of my land and bequith to my son George Cates I to my last and bequith to my son James Cates one third including his improvement and household and retain my son James Cates and my friend John Patton Executors of this my last will and testament. In Witness Whereof I the said Joseph Cates have to this my last will and testament set my hand and Seal the day and year above written

James Joseph Cates
John Patton
John Patton

Moore County Court August term 1817
The above Will was duly proven in Open Court by the oath of James Joseph Cates and John Patton and ordered to be recorded, and the Executors named therein were qualified.
Corn Dows Clerk

James Cates and John Patton Executors