

John Wadsworth's will

State of North Carolina
Moore County.

I the undersigned John Wadsworth of the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory (that is to say God), and having in view the brevity of life and the uncertainty of death do make establish and publish this my last will and testament in full and final manner as follows.

First. I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sarah during her natural life a land whereon and her death returning to my three little children Sarah Elizabeth and Cornelius Wadsworth all my lands together with the improvements thereon as I now live excepted to be about three hundred acres all my stock of Horses Cattle Dogs &c. My Wagon and Furniture Household and Kitchen furniture all my clothing tools and every other article of property of and kind a land whereon and unto the following.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my Grand children John Wadsworth William and Joseph children of Patrick Moore and Catharine Shields one hundred and fifty acres of land now in the possession of said Patrick part divided to them by James W. Hull Esquire Sheriff of the County aforesaid to be equally divided between them or their heirs or assigns when the said Patrick is dead (viz) If said Patrick dies before the age of twenty one years until which time the said land or the profits arising therefrom are to be applied to the support and schooling of said children.

Thirdly. I do hereby invest my Executors with full and ample to sell any part of the property devised to my Wife Sarah and at her death or Marriage to my children Sarah Elizabeth and Cornelius Wadsworth at any time when it may appear to them to be advisable to do so and the proceeds arising from such sale or sales to be appropriated agreeably to the will of the Devisor.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my Wife Sarah all my household and Kitchen furniture and all my stock of every description Cattle that is mentioned in the list of my lands and at her death to go and belong to my three

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To accept the Guardianship for said children and dispose of the property of which they may be in such estate belong to them in such way as may appear to them most advantageous for the interest of said children.

Fifthly and lastly. I do hereby appoint my friends and relations William Wadsworth and Cornelius Wadsworth My Executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of January A.D. 1826.

Signed sealed and published

in presence of
Benjamin Person

Abraham Bokhead

John Wadsworth

Moore County Court May Term 1826

The Above Will being duly proven in open Court by the oath of Benjamin Person a subscriber sitting and ordered to be recorded. Cornelius Wadsworth one of the Executors thereunto duly qualified.

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Richard Sheets Will

I Richard Sheets of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina do make and publish this my last will and testament this twentieth day of April A.D. 1825

1. I give and bequeath to my dear Wife Sarah during her natural life the following Negroes and their increase to wit: a girl named Fanny, Temper, Martha and at her death said Negroes and their increase to go and belong to my three sons named Andrew and Richard
2. I give and bequeath to my Wife during her natural life the land and plantation I purchased of Atlas Jones lying on Deep River the remainder to my said three sons in fee
3. I give and bequeath to my Wife during her natural life all my household and Kitchen furniture and all my stock of every description Cattle that is mentioned in the list of my lands and at her death to go and belong to my three