

# Norman Ferguson's Will

In the name of God Amen

on the 28th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four I Norman Ferguson of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina being through the blessing of God in a sound State of Mind and Memory, that Calling to Mind the frail Tenure of this Life and that it will shortly leave me here to die do make ordain (testify by oath and Testament) That as today I give bequeath and dispose of it in the manner and substance here following. First I give to my Dear Wife Nancy during her lifetime home the use of the plantation on which I now reside, also the use and service of my Slaves Wiley and Fanny and any increase that Fanny may have, also the use of all my Stock of all kind together with all my house hold and Kitchen Furniture, during her widowhood after her decease it is my Will that the portion set apart to my beloved wife Nancy be sold, the proceeds equally divided between all my children, to, what and their heirs.

Second I give and bequeath to my daughter my servant Jim, also the tract of land on which he now resides containing four hundred acres more or less, also one hundred acres sold Mary Britton, also one note held against Mr. J. H. for ninety dollars, I desire that said note be given to Jim.

Third I give and bequeath to my son Murdoch my slave Dick also a half of my mill and one half the mill lot containing three acres also eight acres forming the mill track.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my son Jergus my servant Betty, also one hundred acres of land on Watauga Creek also all the money that my said son Jergus owes me & forgive him

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Fifth I give and bequeath to my son Jergus my servant girl Charlie.

Sixth I give and bequeath to son Daniel my servant girl Fanny together with all the lands that I have in Watauga Creek running at the white oak place.

Seventh I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Leach my servant girl Lipton.

Eighth I give and bequeath to my son Norman my servant Rarab and also the death of my beloved wife the plantation on which I now live together with one half of my share of the mill and one half of the mill lot on Watauga Creek. Finally I appoint and constitute my nephew John F. McDowell Ferguson Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and I do revoke and annul every other former Testament, Will, legacies, bequest and execution by me in any way before made ratifying and confirming this, and in it there to be my last will and testament in this paper. I have hereunto set my hand and signed my name.

Seal the day and date first before written.

Signed in presence of

Norman Ferguson (Seal)

J. E. Johnson

Stell Cammon

North Carolina Court of Pleas Quarter Spring  
Moore County July Term 1864

A paper containing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Norman Ferguson deceased is exhibited for probate in this Court by J. E. Johnson and Stell Cammon the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Norman Ferguson is proved by the oath and examination of J. E. Johnson and Stell Cammon the subscribing witnesses thereof. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper

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writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Norman Ferguson and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Clerk of the Superior Court was sworn duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

J. H. McNeill cly

## James North's Will

I James North of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina, being of Sound Mind and Memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire that my executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for me body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses with my just debts hereunto or to whomsoever owing about of any money that shall first come into their hands as part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and devise to my beloved wife Sally during the term of her natural life all that tract or parcel of land on which I now reside on certain lands containing five hundred and sixty acres, more or less originally in two tracts but requeoted by me as one. And after the death of my wife Sally I give and devise the said devised land to my four daughters by my last wife first, Mary the wife of William A. Phillips, Jane the wife of Gaston Thompson, Amanda the wife of Samuel E. Johnson and Nancy Northy to be equally divided among them. My will is that my daughter Nancy Northy have the lot on which my dwellings are situated.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally my negro boy Rased a good about twenty five years and my negro boy by my aged about nine years and my negro girl Alice aged about seven

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years and one half her choice of my stock, two cows and calves, her choice of my stock, and one head steer head and furniture, and the sum of fifty dollars of such other furniture as she may like, and five hundred dollars in money, all of which property I desire she may dispose of at her death as she thinks proper.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I have already given to my beloved son Thomas Northy a tract of land by deed on the Governors Creek in said County which I intended for his share of my real estate and hope he will be therewith contented.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and devise all the balance of my lands not herein disposed of situate on the waters of the Governors Creek and a small tract on the Martins & Durham Creek known as the Oldmans old place to my daughters by my first wife first, Eliza the widow of Angus M. Leake, and having the wife of John M. McDonald and Margaret the wife of Joseph J. Menger to be equally divided among them share and share alike; And if before said division any of my daughters die leaving heirs of her body, I desire the share of such daughter to go to the heirs of her body as aforesaid. And should any of my daughters die without leaving any heir or heirs by her body at the time of such division then I desire her share of said land to go to her sister and the heirs of any deceased sister in manner as aforesaid.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> My will and desire is that all the balance of my estate not herein disposed of before be converted by my executors (hereinafter named) into money upon such terms as will best advance the interest of my estate, and that the proceeds money after paying all my just debts be equally divided and paid over as soon as practicable to all my beloved children son and daughter share and share alike (subject to provisions and limitation hereinafter mentioned); and should any of my children die before