

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 Name I have and bequeath 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 bequeath 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 Miller and Shodder Hire the Cattle - 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, I give unto my beloved Son Absolom Sexton one Shot gun. I then, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Allen Sexton one Musket, I then, I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Clara Sexton Twenty three Dollars for the said Money to be Collected in the Space of two years and put out on interest I then, I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Sexton one feather bed. I then, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Lincolnton Sexton one Shot gun. I then, I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Sally Carpenter one Cow and calf to be bought the 25th day of this December, I then, I give and bequeath unto my son Allen Sexton one Horse at his death's decease - I then, I give and bequeath unto my son Lincolnton Sexton one Horse at his death's decease - After my Wife's decease the rest of the property to be equally divided between my 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 do said Peter Sexton do make and declare and all other last Wills made by me therefore In Witness my hand and Seal this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Nine - Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us test

Peter T. Sexton
Mark

John Partridge
John Rollings

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 Dowe Clerk

The Executor named in this Will referred to Quality. Whenupon Administration was taken the Will named was granted to Elizabeth Carpenter and Allen Sexton. When the small tract and give bond and security according to Law

James Joseph Cotes will

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Cotes of Moore County being of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory thank be God so 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 Cotes I give and bequeath one Horse saddle and bridle one Cow and calf one Sow and pig one feather bed and furniture one small trunk one three gallon ket and two rocks one frying pan, one Tea and sugar boxes, one salt dish and three plates, one Gin, one counter, one stone jet and all the debt I owe one Cattle car then one one Spoon and glass bowl, one spinning wheel, one crutching saw, one River roller, the above mentioned Property is to belong to my wife during her lifetime, but after her decease to be equally divided among my Sons. I do bequeath 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 Cotes one Each part, To my son Joseph Cotes one Each part 3rd to my daughter Sally Cotes one Each part, 4th to my daughter Elizabeth Cotes one Each part 5th to my son George Cotes one Each part, reserving out of his Equal part the sum of twelve Dollars and one half to pay some James Cotes one Each part reserving out of his Equal part the sum of twelve Dollars and one half, which sum of twelve Dollars and one half I reserve out of my son George Cotes one Each part shall go to make a small part which I give and bequeath to my daughter Clara Cotes or her heirs, and my two plots of Land I reserve of in the following manner that is to say 1st to my beloved wife Mary Cotes I give and bequeath one third part including my personal property I reserve I reserve during her lifetime and after her decease to turn to my son Joseph Cotes and to his Widow Children if he have any if not at his decease to be equally divided between his two Brothers George Cotes 2nd one third part I give and bequeath to my son George Cotes 3rd and lastly I give and bequeath to my son James Cotes one third including his improvements and land and water and again my son James Cotes and my friend John Paterson Executors of this my last will and testament. I do bequeath Whichever of the two I give Cotes turn to this my last will and testament do my hand and Seal the day and year above written

James Joseph Cotes the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us witnesses present at the time of signing and testifying that
John James Morrison
John X. Hannady
Mark

Moore County Court August term 1817

The above Will was duly proven in Open Court by the oath of James Morrison and John Hannady and ordered to be recorded. and the Executors named therein were duly qualified

Corn Dowe Clerk

James Cotes and John Paterson Executors