

InThe Name of God Amen. I Mines Drake of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

viz: I loan to my dear beloved wife Mourning Drake all my land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life or widowhood. I also loan to my aforesaid wife all the negroes that belongs to me during her life all my house hold and kitchen furniture, all my stock of every description.

Item: My will and desire is that after the death of my aforesaid wife, that my three daughters Temperance Drake, Elizabeth D. Drake and Mourning Drake shall have all my aforesaid land and plantation whereon I now live to be equally divided between them to them their heirs &c. forever.

Item: After the death of my aforesaid wife my will and desire is that my three before named daughters shall have all my negroes except John, to be equally divided between to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: After the death of my aforesaid wife my will and desire is that my three before named daughters shall have all my household and kitchen furniture all my stock of every description, also all my right in my brothers or live Drakes estate if any, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: After the death of my aforesaid wife my will and desire is that my son Jesse H. Drake shall have a negro boy named John to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: My will and desire is that all the property of every kind whatsoever that I have given away before will to remain with them as negroes in part of my estate to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: My will and desire is that Ned and Jenny should have their choice in which of the girls they choose to live with if possible. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jesse H. Drake and Oran A. Arrington my executors to this my last will and testament. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presents of us this 2nd day of May.

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Mines Drake (Seal)

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State of North Carolina, court of Pleas & Quarter session  
Nash County

November term 1831

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mines Drake was offered in open court for probate and duly proven by the oath of Taylor Thorn one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded in Attest Benj H. Blount, C. C. C.  
in presence thereto, Benj. H. Blount, C. C. C.

InThe Name of God Amen. I Humphrey Revel of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God, do this twenty eight day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

First My desire is that all my just debts be paid out of my notes and accounts.

Second. I give and bequeath unto my wife Delilah three negroes Lewis, Pick and Mariah one horse called Buck, one mule called Jenny, twenty dollars in notes, ten dollars in money, one sow and seven pigs ten shoats two cows and calves, one called Hunt and her calf and one called mullhead and her calf, five head of sheep average of my stock, all my flock of geese two beds and stands first and third choice and half the furniture that belongs to all my beds one ring and harness one side saddle and bridle twenty five barrels of merchant corn ten barrels of short corn, six blade stacks of the average fodder, two Jack dagons two flukes and one half share average of the kind, two weeding hoes and one guthring hoe average of them kinds, ten gallons brandy seven bushels of wheat all my earthen ware and one ten coffee pot, sett knives and forks two water pails and one tub two plow frames two pair of harness and pads two back band one loom and gear one wheel and two pair of cards three hundred pounds seed cotton two axes average, one horse cart and wheels forty pounds sugar, twelve pounds coffee one thousand pounds pork, two bushels and half of salt four bushels of clean peas, one third of the cyder casks and one half of the apple mill to her and her heirs forever.

I also lend to my said wife Delilah one equal half of the tract of land whereon I now live and the following articles, one desk, one clock, one chest, one walnut, and one pine table, one candle stand, one reading chair, and six other stool chairs, and one Ruffett, during her natural life time or widowhood and no longer. Third I give and bequeath unto my son William H. Revel an equal half of my negroes that are not given to his mother, all the tract of land whereon I now live reserving to his mother the loan before mentioned, one half of all my notes and accounts (except eighty dollars and as much more as may be necessary to pay off all my just debts) one sorrell mare called pigeon and her colt one black mare called dunny one bridle and saddle one yoke of oxen of cart wheels and yoke my shot gun, one bed and stand and one fourth of my bed furniture, one half of my cattle, hogs, sheep, corn fodder wheat peas and cotton not given to his mother, one half the property lent to his mother, at her death or marriage and one half of all the other property not otherwise disposed of to him and his heirs forever.

Fourth: If my son Elijah H. Revel arrives to the age of twenty one