

In The Name of God Amen. I Jeremiah Stevens of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body yet of sound sence and memory thanks be to god for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament first and principally I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of god that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and also what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise bequeath and dispose of in the following manner and form

First: of all my lawful debts be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving son John Stevens the tract of land I purchased of John Bonds and one negro woman named Delce and her increase to him and his heirs. Also I lend John Stevens during his life the following negroes to wit: Harry, Dave, Tom, Mike, York and two negro women named Milley, each and one named charity and after her death the aforesaid lent negroes to be equally divided between the heirs of John Stevens to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Nancy Carter one negro boy named Mathew to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Nancy Harris one negro boy named Jonas to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth Stevens daughter of Joseph Stevens deceased the tract of land whereon I now live to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Ayent one negro woman named Diner one named Anna to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Jones one negro woman named Sarah and her increase to her and her heirs forever

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one negro named Easter to her and her heirs forever. Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Pilgrim E Williams and Robert Williams executors to this my last will and testament allowing this and only this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this Twenty fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and five. Signed sealed and published

in presents of
Osborn Strickland
Willie Tahlor

his
Jeremiah x Stephens (Seal)

mark.

Nash County

August Court, 1805

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Osborn Strickland and Willie Taylor two subscribing witnesses thereto and on

motion ordered to be recorded. Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.