

In The Name of God Amen. I James Griffin of Nash County in the state of north carolina, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do ordain this my last will and testament, First I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and as for the worldly it hath pleased almighty God to bestow ^{on} ~~me~~ me I leave in manner and form following.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Absolom Griffin, five shillings sterling to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Christian Griffin five shillings sterling to she and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elisah Griffin five shillings sterling to she and her heirs forever.

Item: I leave the use of all the rest of my estate to my beloved friend Mary Drake until her death or marriage but if she marries then I give all the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between ^{Slon} her four children viz:/ Drake, Buraney Drake, Jesse Drake and Isaac Drake to them and their heirs forever.

I constitute and ordain my trusty friend Martha Drake my whole and soul executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixt my seal this ninth day of May, and in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

witness:

James Battle
his
James xBryant
mark.
her
MaryxWilliams
mark.

his
JamesxGriffin
mark.

Nash County

May court, 1795

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of James Battle a subscribing witness 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.

In The Name of God Amen. I Joseph T. Clinch, of Nash County, and State of North Carolina being in perfect mind and sound memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last will and testament in amanner and form following to wit. my soul ³ ~~and~~ recommend unto the hands of god that gave it me and as to my body I recommend to the grave to be buried in a christian and decent manner and as to my worldly estate I dispose of in manner and form following.

Imprimise. I will that my Just debts and funeral charges be paid

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Edward Clinch one

negre boy named Monday also one other boy named Isaac to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Duncan Lamon Clinch one negre boy named bob also one other boy named Allen to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Joseph John Clinch one negre boy named Jim Also one other boy named Abraham to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Clinch one negre girl named Frank Also one other girl named Morning they and their increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Clinch one negre girl named Alice also one other girl named Joan They and their increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item: My will and desire is that the whole of my lands may be equally divided between my three sons Edward, Duncan Lamon and Joseph John to them and their heirs forever, my will and desire is that all the remainder part of my estate to remain in the hands of my executors and to be disposed of by them as they think most proper to the benefit of my five children and the moneys arising therefrom to be equally divided between the whole of my children, my will and desire is that my children may, they and their estates remain under the care of my executors until my children arrives to the age of twenty one years or marrys.

Item: I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved friends William Bellemy and John Lamon executors of this my last will and testament and revoking and disannulling all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made and do pronounce this and no other to be my last will and testament. Signed, sealed published and pronounced this the twelfth day of June, Anno domini 1794.

Joseph J. Clinch (Seal)

In the presence of

Thomas Pillsen
his
Thomas X Ezele
mark

Horation G. Clinch.

Nash County

August court 1795

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Thos. Ezele a subscribing witness 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.