

Nash county

May court 1785

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The above will was duly proven by the oath of Wm Whitehead 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.

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In The Name of God, Amen.

I, Joseph Griffin of Edgecombe in North Carolina, being in good health do make this my last will and testament as follows.

Imprimis:- I lend to my wife Sarah Griffin The plantation whereon I now dwell, all my horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, beds and furniture, household furniture and utensils ^{husbandry for} and during her life ^{or} widowhood and after her death or day of marriage I give and bequeath the plantation and land whereon I now dwell not after bequeath to my son Micajah Griffin to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:- I give to my son Joseph Griffin a parcel of land whereon he now dwells beginning on Jones's line on parkers Creek thence up said creek ^{up the bottom to the corner of my field} to a bottom between his field and my field then ^{as} straight line to the spring Branch thence up the Branch up the branch and thro the pearson to Hilliard path thence to the beginning to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:- I give to my son Pearce Griffin the land whereon he now ~~dwells~~ ^{beginning} at a branch that divides my field and his up the said branch to the head of the long pond thence to Drakes corner thence the original line to Hilliard's path the beginning, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Provided notwithstanding that my sons Joseph and Pearce above mentioned shall not sell their land above mentioned to any person or persons as is not or shall be the owners of my Manor Plantation and that my wife Sarah and son Micajah shall have the privilege to cut and use timber off from my sons Joseph and Pearce land for the use of the Manor Plantation without any hindrance.

Item:- I give to my son Micajah Griffin ^{bed & furniture} after decease or marriage of wife Sarah to his heirs ^{and assigns} forever. All the rest and residue of my estate I give and bequeath after the death or day of marriage of my wife Sarah to six of my children to wit, Sarah, Walker, William Griffin, Mary Hollady, Drury Griffin, Appy Griffin, and Zelpha to be equally divided among them to their heirs and assigns. I do constitute and appoint my wife Sarah and William Griffin exrs. of this my last will and testament and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 30th day of November, 1776.

his
Joseph x Griffin (Seal)
mark

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of
W.L. Mearne
Francis Parker, John Parker.