

September Term 1860

I James Bourdeaux of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and Memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say,

First That my executor (herein after named) Shall Sell (if I should not Sell it my self) my Current Land with such other property as may be required for the payment of my just debts now due and to whomsoever owing.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Rebecca One Hundred acres of Land the tract whereon I now live, including my house, all out houses and other improvements, to have and to hold to her the said Rebecca for and during the term of her widowhood. But if she marries again then it shall be divided between her and my seven youngest children,

I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Rebecca, wife of Macon Buid the Sum of five dollars, to be paid by my executor within two years after my youngest child becomes twenty one years old, which will not be until June the eighteenth hundred and seventy four, which Sum together with the advancements she had from me at the time of her marriage and sundry small advancements since ~~that~~ time, will make her a fair & equitable portion according to the value of my real and personal estate to be hers, and at her disposal absolutely for ever.

I give and bequeath to my eldest son Arthur the Sum of five dollars as his right and property forever, to be paid by my executor in the same manner as the last bequest. And is made under the same views in reference to the former advancements.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Politha wife of Nathan N. Bourdeaux the Sum of five dollars as her right and property forever to be paid by my Executor in the manner as my last bequest, and is made under the same views in reference to the former advancements.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Eliza the wife of Saml S. Herring the Sum of five dollars as her right and property forever to be paid by my Executors in the same manner as the last bequest, and is made under the same views in reference to the former advancements.

I give and bequeath to my son James Polifox the Sum of two hundred & fifty dollars as his right and property, provided he is living and comes in the proper time.

Signed Sealed published & declared by the
James Borden to be his last will
& Testament in the presence of us
who at his request and in his presence
do hereunto set our names as witnesses
Mereto
Saml W. Bridger
Jas. S. Bridger
State of North Carolina

State of North Carolina
 Superior Court, County of Guilford, Sept Term 1860.
 This paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament
 of James Bourdeau, deceased, was exhibited in open Court &
 offered for probate and is duly proved by the Oaths
 of John W. Bridgen and J. H. Bridgen both the
 subscribing witnesses thereto; And it is considered by
 the Court that the same is the last will & testament
 of James Bourdeau, in every respect, and sufficient
 to carry the bequests therein made. At the same
 term Wm S. Bridgen one of the executors therein
 named in open Court, and was duly qualified
 as such. It is therefore Ordered that the same
 be registered and filed.

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 Lazzini Bunting Clerk
 for R. B. Wood for Sept. 6th