

in open court and duly proven by the oath of John Bunting one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the last Will and Testament of said William H. Vann and sufficient to pass the property therein bequeathed, and as such ordered to be recorded and filed: At the same time William S. Larkin one of the Executors therein named duly qualified as such

Teste
L. H. Marsteller Clk

State of North Carolina
County of New Hanover

In the name of God Amen. I Simon Gurganus of the County of New Hanover in the State above-written being of sound and disposing mind and memory but conscious of the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made

And first, I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life; And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same, as follows:

First, I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Also I hereby give and devise and bequeath unto my Wife Betty one third of all the real Estate of which I may die seized in fee, the dwelling House and out Houses where I may reside at the time of my death to be included in the portion thus left to my said Wife, during her natural life; and at the death of my said Wife the portion of my real Estate thus devised to my said wife during her life, I give and devise to my children David Gurganus, Thankful Gurganus, Elly Jane Gurganus & Robert Gurganus and such other children as I may be Father of hereafter, born of the body of my said wife Betty, to them... their heirs and assigns, to be equally divided between them share and share alike as tenants in common, and if of my said children shall die without issue, then his or her share to be equally divided between his or her brothers and sisters above named.

and such as may hereafter be born of the body of my said wife Betty by me begotten. -

Also all my other lands and real estate with the appurtenances of which I may die seized I hereby give and devise unto my said children David Gurganus, Thankful Gurganus, Elly Jane Gurganus and Robert Gurganus and such other children as I may become the father of by my said wife Betty to them their heirs and assigns, share and share alike as tenants in Common, and if either of my said children shall die without issue then his or her share to be equally divided between his or her brothers and sisters above named and such as may hereafter be born of the body of my said wife Betty by me begotten.

Also I give and bequeath the following negro Slaves viz Tom, Dudley, Cherry, Washington & John and all the future increase of Cherry to my said wife Betty and my children David, Thankful, Elly Jane and Robert - and such other children as I may have by my said wife Betty, to them their Executors administrators and assigns as tenants in Common share and share alike and if either of my said children shall die without leaving issue or children then his or her share of said Slaves shall be equally divided between his or her Brothers and Sisters.

Also out of my perishable property which I may have at my death I give and bequeath unto my said wife Betty a sufficiency for the support of herself and family for twelve months after my death and after taking out of the same the year's allowance for my said wife, all the residue of my perishable property whatever the same may be consisting of Crops on hand, Stocks of every description, Household and Kitchen furniture farming utensils notes and accounts and judgments due to me and all other property of a perishable nature I give and bequeath unto my said children David, Thankful, Elly Jane and Robert and such other Child or Children as I may have by my said wife Betty to be equally divided between them share and share alike as tenants in Common, and if either of my said children shall die without leaving a child or children then his or her share to be equally divided between his brothers and sisters above mentioned.

Also all the rest and residue of my property whether real, personal, mixed whatever the same may be, which I may die seized or possessed of at the time of my death I give ~~over~~ bequeath and devise unto my children David, Thankful, Elly Jane and Robert and such other Child or Children as I may hereafter have by my said wife Betty to be equally divided between them share and share alike as tenants in Common, and if either of my said children shall die without leaving children then his or

her share shall be equally divided between his or her
Brothers and Sisters as aforesaid.

Also I hereby appoint my esteemed friends, Chas.
Henry and George Pennell Guardians of my children
David, Thankful, Eliza Jane and Robert until the boys shall
arrive at the age of twenty-one years and of the girls so
long as they shall remain sole or until they arrive
at the age of twenty-one years if they should not marry
before that time.

And I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed
friends Charles Henry and George Pennell Executors
of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Levinson Gurganus
testator, have to this will last will & testament set my
hand and seal this 10th day of June in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three

Signed sealed published & declared
by the said Levinson Gurganus as for
his last will & testament in presence of
us who have subscribed the same as
Witnesses in the presence of the testator
& in the presence of each other

Levinson ^{his} Gurganus
mark

Daniel B. Baker

James Kerr

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court 3 March Term 1849

This paper writing purporting to be the last will
and Testament of Levinson Gurganus deceased is exhibited in
open court and duly proven by the oath of Daniel B. Baker
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: whereupon it is con-
sidered by the Court that the same is the last will and
Testament of said Levinson Gurganus and as such ordered to
be recorded and filed; and thereupon Charles Henry one of the
Executors therein named duly qualified as such

Teste

L. H. Marshall Clerk