

Robert Publes Will

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Publes of the County of Northampton & State of North Carolina being sick in body but thanks be to God of a perfect & disposing memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament after recommending my soul to Almighty God who gave it me hoping thro' the Christ, for a pardon of all my sins past & my body to the earth to be decently Intended at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned do dispose of my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life in manner & form following (viz)

- Item I have the following Negroes (viz) George Lemmy & Jane to be sold to discharge my Just debts.
- Item I lend unto my loving wife Lucy Publes the Land & plantation whereon I now live during her widowhood.
- Item I also lend my wife the use of all my Stock, all my House Hold & Kitchen furniture, all either of my Sons Hawsell Publes, or Robert Publes House & Mary, thus I will each of them to have, one Bed & furniture, two Cowst Cales, & one Saw & piggs.
- Item I also give & bequeath unto my daughter Priscilla Publes, one Negroe Girl named Venus & her Increase, the same I give unto her & the heirs lawful of her body for ever.
- Item I give unto my daughter Priscilla Publes at her marriage, one Bed & furniture, two Cowst Cales & one Saw & piggs, the same I give to her & her heirs forever.
- Item I lend unto my loving wife Lucy Publes the use of the following Negroes (viz) Nell & Patience during her widowhood after her death or marriage, the heirs increase to be equally divided between my children Benjamin Publes, Hawsell Publes, Robert Publes, & Priscilla Publes, to them & their heirs forever.
- Item I give & bequeath unto my sons Hawsell Publes & Robert Publes the plantation whereon I now live after the death or marriage of my wife Lucy Publes

to be equally divided between them beginning at new oak with side of the road below my orchard & running thro' the middle of the peach & apple orchard to a white oak now called the pigeon tree, thence to a black Jack near the dwelling house, thence along in a road to pines here, thence along the road from the black Jack to Richards line, the north side extending the dwelling house & out house, I give unto son Robert Publes the south side including the barn I give unto my son Hawsell Publes, all which I give to them & their heirs forever.

- Item I also give unto my son Hawsell & Robert Publes, all my river Land & rocks, to be equally divided between them, all which to them & their heirs forever.
- Item after the death or marriage of my wife Lucy Publes, all the Stock, House Hold & Kitchen furniture, not heretofore bequeathed, I desire shall be sold & the money equally divided between, Hawsell, Robert, & Priscilla Publes.
- I do hereby nominate & appoint William Jones, & Hawsell Publes Executors of this my last Will & Testament; hereby, revoking & annulling all former Wills heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 11th day of July 1789
- signed sealed & acknowledged by the said
Robert Publes to be his last will &
Testament in presence of
Hobbsack Jurist
Mrs Skinner
Anne North

Northampton County 1st March Court 1795
This will was proven by the oath of Hobbsack Jurist one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded
Witness E. H. Jones & C^t