

Jonathan Pope's Will

In the Name of God, Amen I Jonathan Pope of the County of Northampton State of North Carolina being in perfect Health & Memory Thanks be to God for it, Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all, I give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in Decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give Devise and dispose of the same in following manner and form

My Will and devise is that my Undivided Land shall be sold by two young Active Citizens to pay my Debts. I have I had to my well beloved Wife, Amy Pope, Every thing Personal and Real with in Doors and out Doors, in during of Life or Widowhood, whom I likewise Constitute make and Ordain the sole Executrix which is Amy Pope and Robert Johnson as Executors of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 6th day of January in the Year of our Lord 1798

Signed in the presence of us

Jonathan Pope

John Johnson
in
Rebekah R. Johnson
witness

Northampton County 8th March Cth 1801

This Will was proved by John Johnson and Rebekah Allen at the same time Amy Pope qualified Executrix thereto. Witness to be Certified & these said

Test. C. Hayner Cth

William Bell's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I William Bell of the County of Northampton State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following

Impairing

Whereas the Property I now being connected with that of my Brother James Bell deceased, by a Copartnership, it is my Wish and devise that my Executors as soon as convenient make a Division of the same viz^t one negro Woman named Sarah and her Son Dampsey, Betty and her three Sons, the Stock and my Boat.

Item

My Will is that Jeremiah Powell make two Trips down the River with the two Boats in Order to discharge the Debts that may be due from my Brother James Bell and myself, after which it is my wish that my Executors sell the new Boat owned by myself at private or public Sale as he may think best, and if the said Boat should sell for the sum of nine hundred Dollars it is my wish that Jeremiah Powell have two hundred and twenty Dollars, and if she should sell higher the sum to be increased in proportion, if lower to be decreased in like manner

Item

It is my Wish that the Fireings, Shoularding &c of my new House be paid, the Chimneys be run up, and the House be repaired with Brick & Glaze put in the Windows &c It is also my Wish that after the first of June that the House with my part of the Land be leased out for the Term of six Years one half of the Land to be tilled every Year in small grain or by cut, at the expiration of which time, I give and bequeath the House, Orchard, and Garden to my Wife Betty Bell

Item

The remainder and balance of my Land I give to the three Daughters of my Brother James Bell viz^t Polly, Sally, and Tanager Bell to be equally divided between them share and share alike

Item

It is my wish that when a Division taken place that Sarah and her Son Dampsey be put in the same lot a parcel, I therefore give and bequeath the said Sarah and her Son to my Nephew Samuel Bell, It is further my wish that the aforesaid Sarah and her Son be kept where she is until my nephew Samuel arrives at the Age of eighteen Years

It is my wish and desire that a negro Woman named Betty should live and remain where she now is and it is further my wish that to the lot who may fall shall be made equal to that of the other Children of my Brother James —

Item I give and bequeath to Eliza Hayes and Betsey Bell, Daughters of my Brother Samuel Bell deceased, one negro fellow named Charles & the balance of the negroes belonging myself and my Brother James Bell deceased to the above mentioned Eliza Hayes and Betsey Bell to be equally divided between them.

Item If my Debt can be discharged without the sale of my stock it is my wish that it be equally divided between the Children of my Brother Samuel Bell deceased.

Item The Money that may remain from the Sale of the two new Books after paying for me to go to the payment of negro Charles —

Item All my household furniture (except one Bed which I give to my nephew Samuel Bell) together with my Black-Smiths Tools I give and bequeath to my Sister in law Betsey Bell —

Item It is my wish that Batt Chavonue live and remain in present abode & Profession on the place he now lives for the Term of six Years and that he have the liberty of clearing as much as twenty thousand Cobblins, and that he receive no more wages than for his own use —

Item I wish the Log to be carried on for the present Year with the Horses belonging to the Plantation under the direction of Jeremiah Howell and that he be paid for the time after leaving the Book agreeable to our former Contract —

I do hereby constitute and appoint my Friend Isaac Lane Executor to this my last Will & Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this twenty second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and one.

Witness

Benjamin Howell

Isaac Lane

James Harris

William Bell Jacob

Northampton County, ss. March Court 1801
This Will was proved by the Oaths of Benjamin Howell & Frederick Jones at the same time Isaac Lane qualified Executor thereof. Ordered to be Certified and Recorded.

Test C. Haywood Clk.

Robert Hicks's Will

I Robert Hicks of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being of sound and Perfect Mind and Memory, and Calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and the Certainty of Death do this twenty second day August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred make and Publish this my last Will and Testaments in manner and form following that is to say —

First I give and bequeath my Son Thomas Hicks the plantation where he now lives which has never been bounded so as it shall contain the one third part of all my lands to him and his Heirs forever —

I give and bequeath unto my Son James Hicks the Plantation where he now lives which has never been bounded so as it shall contain the one third of my lands to him and his Heirs forever, with this Condition that he shall first pay unto my Executor the Sum of ten Pound Virginia Money it being the sum he has agreed to pay —

I send unto my Son John Hicks the other third of my land it being the Plantation whereon I now live for his natural Life, it having never been bounded so as, and at his death I give it to his Child, or Children in such manner as he the said John may choose leaving of it in his Power to any which of them is all or any part of them to him or them and their Heirs forever — With respect to laying out the Plantations which I have given and had to my Sons, my wish is that they may lay off the Land themselves, reserving the Plantation to each of them as I have given, and to contain the one third part of all my lands as above mentioned and having particular regard not to interfere with each others choice land it can be done without, and in case my Sons cannot agree so as to suit themselves my Will is that each of them choose a man which either when chosen may choose one other who shall then proceed to lay off and divide the lands agreeable to the true intent and meaning of what I have herein stated and their decisions shall be obligatory on my Sons —

I give and bequeath unto all my Sons & Daughters and Nephews & Nieces of my Son Tho. eight of my choice Cattle to be equally