

Francis Doess's Will

Then

In the Name of God Amen. I Francis Doess of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being of Perfect Memory bless'd be God, and being to think my Mortality, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament as follows -

I Give to my beloved Wife Sarah Doess all my Estate both real and Personal, after paying my just debts, to her and unto my Daughter Rebecca Doess during a term of years, at which time there shall be a Division between my said Wife Sarah & Daughter Rebecca Doess as follows to wit: all my Negroes with their Increase, namely Hannah Esther Manger Lucy & Bloom, also all my lands and tracts of all kind, with household & Kitchen Furniture shall be equally divided between them both and my Daughter Rebecca Doess shall have the use of the one half of the said Estate when she shall arrive at her natural life, but if she dies without any lawful issue the same is to return back to my loving Wife Sarah Doess & her heirs forever - But if my said Daughter Rebecca Doess should, at her death have in her a lawful begotten child the half of my Estate which she is to have the use of there the same to her Mother, during her natural life & after my decease to them and their heirs forever - and as long as my Estate to my loving Wife Sarah Doess until my said son the Rebecca Doess arrives a term of years, and my said loving Wife Sarah Doess is for the use of the whole to keep & faithfully maintain her my said Daughter until such time the above Division is made -

And as appertains to my last Will and Testament my loving Wife Sarah Doess Executor, with my Friends John Hamble & Legrand are added in the Presence of us this 20 day of March 1804 Francis Doess Esq
 Witness
 Richard Reed

Northampton County 7th September 1805

That the above mentioned Will of Francis Doess was found in force by the Oaths of Justice of the Peace and at the same time Sarah Doess qualified as Executor to the above Will and to be satisfied thereunto

Witness
 Wm. Reed Esq
 J. B. Bell

The Nuncupative Will of Rebecca Matteson late of the County of Northampton

North Carolina
 Northampton County Her Will and desire was, that all of her Estate should go to the equally divided between her Sister Sally Davis, and her Brother Wm. Bullard Independent, and one part of the same to the use of her Relations - Hannah Fred Byrnes who being duly sworn & deposed saying that on the Thursday before the Saturday night, a Sunday Morning before she died, said that she asked the said Rebecca if she thought she would die she said that she thought she should, and she desired a Wish for her Property to go to Sally & Wm. Bullard, & requested her to take Notice of it, and that she did not know any of the rest to have a Parting gift committed to Writing this 7th April 1805 and sworn to before me Henry Cotton M^o

Witness
 Hannah Fred Byrnes
 Clerk

At Large Court 1805? James Matteson, William Bullard, William Bullard, and the undersigned, James Bullard, Edward & Hannah, against the Probate