

William Vaughan's Will

In the name of God amen

William Vaughan of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being sick and weak but in sound disposing mind & memory knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following

First I recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned, and touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I have devised and disposed of the same in the manner I have following

First once and above what I have devised give and delivered into possession of my eight children namely Mary Crispbary, Elizabeth Parke, Thomas Vaughan, William Carter, William Vaughan, Nancy Paterson, John Parke, and James Vaughan.

Improvises My Will and desire is that all my just debts be paid at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned

Item I leave unto my beloved wife Sarah Vaughan all my estate during her natural life if she continues my widow for the raising and educating the children that she has born me and at the death or marriage of my beloved wife Sarah Vaughan my wife and desire is that all my said estate be sold and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided amongst all my children born by my beloved wife Sarah Vaughan and if any of my said children born by my beloved wife Sarah Vaughan should die before such division and leave issue then and in that case my wife and desire is that the issue of such deceased have an equal part with my surviving children born by my beloved wife Sarah Vaughan.

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Item I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved Son Thomas Vaughan and my beloved wife Sarah Vaughan to be whole and sole Executors & Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. I Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord 1793.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In presence of us

Peter Weaver

John Garay

Henry Weaver Junr

William Vaughan Esq Seal

Northampton County N.C.
December Court 1794.

This Will was proved by the Oath of Peter Weaver & at the same time Benjamin Vaughan & Sarah Vaughan were duly qualified as Executors & Executrix, and to be testified and Recorded.

Witness

C. Haynes Clerk

Elizabeth Hart's Will

In the name of God amen I Elizabeth Hart of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but in my perfect sound sense and memory knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament and first I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors and as touching my worldly estate wherewith the Lord has blessed me with I give devise & dispose of in the following manner and form to

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son Benjamin Williams my Negro Man Martin to him & his Heirs -

Item I give and bequeath unto Moses Parker son of Sater Parker two Negro Boys known by the names of Abel & Edwin to him & his Heirs -

Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Parker wife of Sater Parker one for & calf, one for her & Martin, one knitting needle, one fine iron, my Lion two rings I have, one penknife, dish, Lamp, other trifling things that she has a mind to in peace I give unto her & her Heirs -

- Mem I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Haysman my Negro woman Susan and her child Adam to her & her Heirs
- Mem I give and bequeath to my great Grand son William Harris my Negro boy Jimmy son of Lucy to him and his Heirs
- Mem I give and bequeath to my great grand Son Arthur Harris my Negro woman Lucy to him & his Heirs —
- Mem I give and bequeath to my three Grand Children my Negro man James to wit James, Mary Deborah & last to them & their Heirs
- Mem I give and bequeath to my Sister Mary Howard twenty pounds Virginia money to her & her Heirs
- Mem I give and bequeath to Arthur Williams Son of Arthur Williams my Negro man Susan to him & his Heirs —
- Mem I give and bequeath to William Williams Son of Arthur Williams forty shillings Virginia Currency to him & his Heirs
- Mem I give and bequeath to Mary Harris Daughter of Mike Harris du. my Negro girl Phanny to her & her Heirs —
- Mem It is my will and desire that my Negro Gilly should be left in the care of my acting Executor to be hired out from year to year and the money or hire arising therefrom to be distributed to Elizabeth Harris and her Children as the Executor shall think most proper.

Mem After my just debts & Legacies are paid off then the residue of my estate I will to be sold and equally divided among all the Legates (except Elizabeth Harris's Children) — And I do hereby appoint Edward Saucy & Benjamin Braach my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every other former wills and Testaments Legacies & Bequests, Ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & fixed my Seal this 15th day of July 1793.

Signe sealed and acknowledged
In presence of Solomon Smith
Giles Soyner

Elizabeth L. Hart Seal.

Northampton County, Va. December Court 1794

This Will of Elizabeth Hart du. was proved by the Oath of Giles Soyner whereupon Edward Saucy was duly qualified as Executor thereof Ordered to be testific'd & Recorded

Witness
a. Soyner Clk

Benjamin Murrell's Will

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Murrell of the County of Northampton of good health and of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will and Testament that it is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world I give demise and dispose of in manner and form as followeth To wit first of all

Mem I give and bequeath to Mary Murrell my well beloved wife my Negro woman by the name of Amy she and her increase also one black Man, and if she should be destitute of a Man for my Son Minborn Murrell to furnish her with another, also I give with the same a Bridle Waddle one other gear, also one Cow and calf, one Ewe and Lamb, four Sheeps one Sow and four Pigg, also I give her one feather bed & furniture, mixed and fixed, to be at her own disposal, Also I leave her such of my Household property as she thinks she stands in need of, also I leave her ten four & halfs ten Head of Hogs ten Ewes and Lamb, which and where she chooses during her natural life and at her decease to my Son Minborn Murrell and his Heirs —

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