

George Jordan's Will

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In the name of God Amen

I George Jordan of Northampton County in the State of North Carolina being at present in good health of body and sound mind and memory thank be to Almighty God hereby and calling to mind the mortality of my body, doth give and dispose of my estate and chattels in manner and form following that is to say, I doth unto Elizabeth Jordan the wife of my son Benjamin Jordan do^r Mrs. Rogers now in her possession known by the name of Rogers Lewis and Sarah, during her widowhood, in life.

I doth and bequeath unto my Grand son James Jordan the son of Benjamin Jordan do^r the above named Rogers, after the above Elizabeth Jordan's marriage a death to him and his heirs forever. I doth give unto my Grand son James Jordan now Rogers known by the name of Rogers which I am now in possession of to him and his heirs forever - and my desire is that the above named Rogers Lewis should after the above Elizabeth Jordan's marriage a death should be equally divided among all the children of Benjamin Jordan do^r above named Lewis to him and their heirs forever.

I doth and bequeath unto my son Sarah Jordan four Negroes which he is now in possession of known by the name of Stephen, Matthew, Saml & Peter to him and his heirs forever. I doth unto my son Sarah Jordan two Negroes which I am now in possession of known by the name of Harriet & Kate to him and his heirs forever.

I doth and bequeath unto my son George Jordan my plantation and all my lands and all my stock which I shall hereafter give away and six Negroes known by the names of Littleton, John, Solomon, Gideon, Chas & David to him and his heirs forever.

I doth unto my Daughter Hannah Wilson twenty shillings. I doth unto my Daughter Hannah Wilson one Negro woman known by the name of Ella and all her children which she the said Negro woman has got and all their increase during her life and after her death my desire is that all the said Negro should be equally divided among all my Daughter Hannah Wilson's children to them & their heirs forever.

I doth and bequeath to my Daughter Olive Jordan twenty shillings and I doth unto my Daughter Olive Jordan four Negroes known by the names of Foby, Ned, Salt and Mabel during her life and after their increase and my desire is that after my Daughter Olive Jordan's

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Death that all the Negroes that I have had to her and their increase should be equally divided among all her children only her son George Jordan to him as part of said Negroes, to them and their heirs forever.

Item

I doth and bequeath unto my Grand son George Jordan the son of my Daughter Olive Jordan one Negro boy known by the name of Davis which is in the possession of Thomas Jordan to him and his heirs forever.

Item

I doth and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Farrow twenty shillings and I doth unto my Daughter Elizabeth Farrow one Negro woman known by the name of Hannah which my Daughter Elizabeth Farrow is now in possession of, and all her children only one Negro boy known by the name of James which my said Daughter is now in possession of, and all her children their increase during her life and my desire is after my Daughter Elizabeth Farrow's death that all the Negroes that I have had her and their increase should be equally divided among all my Daughter Elizabeth Farrow's children, to them and their heirs forever.

Item

I doth and bequeath unto my Grand son Richard Farrow the son of my Daughter Elizabeth Farrow one Negro boy known by the name of Henry now in the hands of my Daughter Elizabeth Farrow to him and his heirs forever.

Item

I doth and bequeath unto my Daughter Marjorie Jordan twenty shillings and I doth unto my Daughter Marjorie Jordan one Negro woman known by the name of Middle and her child known by the name of Charles and their increase during her life, and my desire is that after my Daughter Marjorie's death that the Negroes that I have had to her should be equally divided among all the children of my Daughter Marjorie to them and their heirs forever.

Item

I doth unto my Daughter Polly Jordan, one bed & furniture ten shillings and I doth unto my Daughter Polly Jordan one bed and furniture, one pot, one pan, two dishes, two basins, six plates, and two cups and most sufficient of one year's provision during her life.

Item

I doth unto my beloved Wife Hannah Jordan six Negroes known by the names of Old Harry, George, Dick, Ben, Harry, Old Lucy, and those five boys and I doth, one bed and furniture, one pot, one pan, two dishes, two basins, six plates, and two cups and most sufficient of one year's provision during her life.

I do

Now

Upon and bequeath unto my son George Jordan all the remainder of my estate that I have not given away, and all that I have lent to my beloved wife at her death to him and his heirs forever.

And I do constitute and appoint my beloved son George Jordan and my friend Lawrence Smith, my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, discharging and making void all other debts by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 22nd day of December 1799.

Signed & sealed in the presence of us
Joseph Smith
Christopher Smith

George Jordan & a Seal.

Wilmington County, N.C. June 2nd 1792.

Then this Will of George Jordan do "assent and subscribe" and approved by the Court of Wiltshire County, N.C. one of the undersigned Justices who made Oath at the same time that he saw George Smith subscribe his name as a Witness to this said Will, & at the same time George Jordan qualified as Executor thereof. Ordered to be Certified Records.

Test.

W. H. H. H.

Joseph Parker's Will

I call to whom these presents shall be read being in Wiltshire County, N.C. that Joseph Parker of Wiltshire County in the State of North Carolina, being much of body but of perfect memory and sound judgment to make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

First. To my Will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expences be discharged by my Executors hereafter named.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Sarah Parker my furniture her and furniture, my riding Horse and side saddle, my Iron pot and frying pan, two pewter Dishes, two pewter Basins, Silver plates one Silver morden Spoon, and two chairs to her and at her disposal forever.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my son Jeremiah Parker my plantation and lands and all heretofore belonging whereas a Matthew Griffin & John Harvey formerly lived, which I bought of William Melick and said Harvey, at the time the Debt was taken of said Griffin, and

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my small gun, and the Silver morden that formerly belonged to that Sarah to him and his heirs forever.

Fourthly

I give and bequeath unto my son Sarah Parker the plantation whereas I now live and all the Land I bought of Thomas Hays and of John and Matthew Griffin, containing two hundred and fifty five Acres more or less and one half of my Brandys Still, half of my Whisky still one Gun that I bought of Matthew Griffin, and all my furniture to her and her heirs forever upon her personal trust that she the said Sarah Parker doth take due care of and send a sufficient maintenance for her mother my beloved wife Sarah Parker to her support and also find her convenient home room during her natural life or until Marriages, also that the said Sarah Parker do at one half of the expence of finding timber for a grained House twenty feet by sixteen and also one half the expence for a Chimney to said House it being for my son Alexander hereafter named.

Fifthly

Upon and bequeath unto my son Alexander Parker all my Land that I bought of John Hays and John Cummins, and all that I bought of John Parker, and one Horse called Sorrick one riding saddle two Guns that I bought of Abraham Rutgers I have a Shute and also one feather bed and furniture two Iron Kettles two Iron & Pewee Vegetables, one Iron Pot, six pewter plates, and all my Cooperators Tools, and the remainder of my Silver morden Tools and my Chest, and five pounds due me from John Benjamin Patterson, and the other half of my appraised Brandys Still & Whisky due to him and his heirs forever.

Sixthly

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Judith Parker one feather bed & furniture two Iron Kettles two Iron and Lead and fifty round silver Dollars or as much current money as shall be sufficient to exchange for or purchase the above sum of hard Dollars at the time of payment one Desk, one Chest and one Trunk to her and her heirs forever.

Seventhly

I give all the remaining part of my estate of every kind to be equally divided between my wife Sarah Parker and my five Children namely Jeremiah Sarah Alexander and Judith Parker to them & their heirs forever.

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