

Francis Parker's Will

In the name of God Amen.

I Francis Parker of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but in perfect sound mind and memory and disposing mind thank be to almighty God for the same and calling to mind that it is now appointed for all mankind to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following first and foremost I recommend my soul unto the hands of almighty God relying on the meritorious blood of my Saviour Jesus to have full remission of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in manner and form following.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my four Daughters to wit Peggy Parker, Lucilla Parker, Martha Parker and Susanna Parker two hundred Dollars a piece to be raised out of my estate at my death to them and their Heirs forever.

Item I leave unto my beloved Wife Sarah Parker the use of my plantation whereon I now live containing One hundred Acres with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging during her natural life and after her decease I give and bequeath my said plantation together with all improvements unto my Son Zachariah Parker and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Parker the land and plantation whereon he now lives containing One hundred Acres to the same more or less to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Lewis Parker the land and plantation that my said Son has now in possession together with all improvements to him and his Heirs forever containing One hundred Acres to the same more or less.

Item I leave unto my beloved Wife Sarah Parker the use of all my property of what kind soever not already given away during her natural life and after her decease my will and desire is that the whole of said property should be sold

to my Executors hereafter named and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my four Daughters to wit Mary Parker, Sarah Parker, Peggy Parker, Lucilla Parker, Martha Parker and Susanna Parker share and share alike to them and their Heirs forever.

Item I constitute and appoint my son William Parker and my son Lewis Parker my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament making all former wills by me made null and void whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th Day of December 1798.

Signed Sealed & pronounced in presence of us.

E. H. Thomson
Lewis C. Woodard

Francis X. Parker Seal
mark.
Northampton County Jct.
June Court 1799—

This Will was proved by the Oath of Lewis C. Woodard, whereupon William Parker & Lewis Parker the Executors therein named was duly qualified & ordered to be Certified. & Recorded.

Witness

E. H. Thomson

William Parker's Will.

In the Name of God Amen I William Parker of Northampton & State of North Carolina being Sick, tho' of perfect mind & memory, & calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last Will & Testament this the Twenty first Day of March One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine and as it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with a few worldly goods I give and bequeath as follows (Wt 51) My Will is that my body may be decently buried, and my funeral expenses paid at the discretion of my Executors. I for the distribution of my goods & property I give & bequeath in the following manner First I leave in the hands and in possession of my Wife Catharine Parker all my present real Estate collectively & individually (to wit) One tract of Land lying in Greenbush County State of Virginia containing by Estimation One Hundred Six Acres more or less more or less Acres which are Cherry, Betty, Wild, Chick, Lily, Harry & Thomas two Acres one Gray Horse & a Sower Horse One Head of Cattle Twenty three of Hogs four tons of Furniture with every other Article of Kitchen & Household furniture and all plantation utensils consisting of three tables seven Chairs and one riding Chair & Harness four Iron pots & Co. Kettle one Dishpan three wooden Dishes eight plates three basins five spoons three Castles Dishes a large silver Thimble &c. eight Castles plates two tin pots one tin Kettle three Castles plates with a small quantity of cups & saucers & one or two fine glasses here in writing this bequeathing &