

Thomas Parker's Will

1st Item

In the name of God amen I Thomas Parker of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina do make and intend this to be my last Will and Testament, making void hereby all other wills by me heretofore made do by this dispose of all my property both real and personal of which I am possessed as follows.

I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Parker my friend John A. Binford James Bradley & James Egan and their heirs forever One Negro girl by the name of Dolly and her increase which said Negro Dolly and her increase I give to the said Richard Parker John A. Binford James Bradley and James Egan and their heirs forever but upon special trust and confidence that they the said Richard Parker John A. Binford James Bradley & James Egan and their heirs will hold the said Negro Dolly and increase to the sole separate and exclusive use and benefit of my Grand Daughter Maria Hale, and pay the same to her when of full age or marry to whom I give the same and their increase forever.

2nd Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Parker my friend John A. Binford James Bradley & James Egan and their heirs forever One following Negroes to wit Sarah, Pessha, Emanuel, Joe, Jane, and Mary and their increase which said Negroes and their increase I give to the said Richard Parker my friend John A. Binford James Bradley & James Egan and their heirs forever but upon this special trust and confidence that they the said Richard Parker John A. Binford James Bradley and James Egan and their heirs will receive the rents issues and profits of the above named Negroes and their increase and pay the same to my Granddaughter Maria Hale to the sole separate and exclusive use and benefit of the said Maria Hale without the interference or control of her husband Leonard Hale or being in any manner subject to payment of his debts or demands and upon this further trust and confidence that the above named trustees will hold the above named Negroes and their increase after the death of her the said Maria Hale to the use and benefit of all

all the children of her the said Maria until the eldest come to age or marry at which time it is my will and intent that the trustees above named divide the above named Negroes and their increase equally between all the children of the said Maria and pay the same and all the income and profits that may accrue after the death of her the said Maria to all the said Maria's children in equal divisions at the coming of age or marriage of the eldest to them and their heirs I give the said Negroes and their increase forever.

3rd Item

It is my will and desire that the property above described in trust should remain in the hands of my trustees without the interference or control of the Court in any manner whatsoever.

4th Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Parker all and every part and parcel of my estate which is not above disposed of both real and personal of every sort kind and denomination whatever after paying my just debts to him his heirs or assigns forever.

5th Item

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Richard Parker and my friends John A. Binford, James Bradley and James Egan Executors to this my last will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 26th day of September 1797.

I signed and acknowledged } Tho. Parker (a Seal)
In presence of }

Note the word "that" in the twenty second line of the second clause and the word "the" in the first line in the third clause and the word "Wille" in the third line were introduced before signed.

James Crump
Benj. a Dancy
Abner M. Lemore
Jas. Dancy

Northampton County Lt.
Dorchester Court 1797
Then this Will of Thomas Parker Esq.

was exhibited in Court and duly proved by the Oaths of James Crump and James Dancy two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Certified and Recorded Whereupon Richard Parker one of the Executors therein named was duly qualified.

Witness E. Haynes. Clk.