

Jonathan Pope's Will

In the Name of God, Amen I Jonathan Pope of the County of Northampton State of North Carolina being in perfect Health & Memory Thanks be to God for it, Calling to Mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all, I give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in Decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give Devise and dispose of the same in following manner and form —

My Will and devise is that my Underwood Land shall be sold by two young Active Citizens to pay my Debts — I have I had to my well beloved Wife, Amy Pope, Every thing Personal and Real with in Doors and out Doors, in during of Life or Widowhood, whom I likewise Constitute make and Ordain the sole Executrix which is Amy Pope and Robert Johnson as Executors of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 6th day of January in the Year of our Lord 1798

Signed in the presence
of us

Jonathan Pope — Seal

John Johnson
in
Witness
Rebekah R. Johnson
witness

Northampton County 8th March Cth 1801

This Will was proved by John Johnson
and Rebekah Allen at the same time
Amy Pope qualified Executrix thereto
Ordered to be Certified & Recorded

Test. E. Haynes Cth

William Bell's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I William Bell of the County of Northampton State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following —

Impairing

Whereas the Property I now being connected with that of my Brother James Bell deceased, by a Copartnership, it is my Wish and devise that my Executors as soon as convenient make a Division of the same viz^t one negro Woman named Sarah, and her Son Dampsey, Betty and her three Sons, the Stock and my Boat.

Item

My Will is that Jeremiah Powell make two Trips down the River with the two Boats in Order to discharge the Debts that may be due from my Brother James Bell and myself, after which it is my wish that my Executors sell the new Boat owned by myself at private or public Sale as he may think best, and if the said Boat should sell for the sum of nine hundred Dollars it is my wish that Jeremiah Powell have two hundred and twenty Dollars, and if she should sell higher the sum to be increased in proportion, if lower to be decreased in like manner —

Item

It is my Wish that the Fireings, Shoularding &c of my new House be paid, the Chimneys be run up, and the House be repaired with Brick & Glaze put in the Windows &c It is also my Wish that after the first of June that the House with my part of the Land be leased out for the Term of six Years one half of the Land to be tilled every Year in small grain or by cut, at the expiration of which time, I give and bequeath the House, Orchard, and Garden to my Wife Polly Bell —

Item

The remainder and balance of my Land I give to the three Daughters of my Brother James Bell viz^t Polly, Sally, and Tanager Bell to be equally divided between them share and share alike —

Item

It is my wish that when a Division taken place that Sarah and her Son Dampsey be put in the same lot a parcel, I therefore give and bequeath the said Sarah and her Son to my Nephew Samuel Bell, It is further my wish that the aforesaid Sarah and her Son be kept where she is until my nephew Samuel arrives at the Age of eighteen Years —