

Agnes Kersey's will November 2nd 1823

In the name of God Amen I Agnes Kersey of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being impleck with the thoughts of death but in my right mind do make this my last will and Testament.

I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Cephal Kersey and to his heirs forever one hundred acres of land it being the land I now live on

I lend to my granddaughter Syndellery Kersey eleven acres of land during her natural life provided she said Syndellery settle and live on said land. If she does not then it shall go back to the sd Cephal Kersey. The said eleven acres of land is to be taken on the Spring Branch so as not to interfere with the house and orchard. I give to my said Granddaughter Syndellery one fello bed and one small iron pot. My debt is that all my Just debts be paid and then the balance of my personal estate go the sd Cephal Kersey and his heirs. I appoint John Blythe my whole and sole executor

John Blythe - Benjamin Harrison - Agnes Kersey Seal

Northampton County March Court 1824. This last will and Testament of Agnes Kersey decd was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of John Blythe and Benjamin Harrison the subscribing witnesses thereto: Whereupon John Blythe the Executor therein named was qualified a capable to law and ordered to be certified and recorded. Dated John M Harrison C.C.

George Artico's will. In the name of God I George

Artico being weak in body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God do make and publish this my last will in manner following to wit I give to my son August Artico 1 bed and furniture which he has now in his chest also all my working tools of all kinds also all my reading books of all kinds and one pair of Stewards and one pair four sitting chairs one chest to hold his gun forever. I give to my son Thimcheon station one dollar to him and his heirs forever for his full part of my debt I wish all my Just debts to be paid out of the balance of my estate and discharge

I give to my beloved wife three beds of furniture and also all the rest of my estate to her and her heirs forever I hereby make and ordain my writing friend Zachus Martin my sole and sole executor of this my last will disannulling all other. Signed in the presence of us this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord 1819 Witness Gile Switzer & John Switzer

George A. Artico Seal

Northampton County 1st March Court 1824. This last will and Testament of George Artico decd was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form by the oath of Gile Switzer one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: Whereupon Zachus Martin the Executor therein named was qualified as the law directs ordered to be certified and recorded. Dated John M Harrison C.C.

Josiah Blanchard's will. In the name of God

Amen I Josiah Blanchard of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being at this time very weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for it therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all flesh once to die I for all the worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give in the following manner and form (over) I lend to my beloved wife Silveent Blanchard all my lands also my gray mare also all my Cattle except one cow and calf also all my working tools for natural life except my whip and also I want all my boys for the support of the family except five of the best also I lend my four patted beds and furniture to my wife for natural life also I give all my Crop of Corn Cotton and Potatoes for the families support I give and bequeath all my lands to my five sons namely Nathan Blanchard, Jonathan Blanchard, Sepu Blanchard, Josiah Blanchard and William Blanchard at my wife Silveent Blanchard's decease to be equally divided

Also I lend all my negroes to my beloved wife Silveent Blanchard except three I give unto my wife and her heirs forever and Tom Isaac to be sold towards paying my debts Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Blanchard one negro girl named Rhode at my wife's decease Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth one negro boy named Hardy after my wife's decease Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Silveent Blanchard one negro boy named Tom at my wife's decease Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann one negro boy named Mason at my wife's decease also I give and bequeath unto my son Nathan Blanchard my bay mare one Cow and Calf also I give and bequeath unto my five sons before mentioned two negro boys named Ben and Joshua to be equally divided at my wife's decease all the remainder of my property after taking enough to pay my Just debts I lend unto myself for natural life and then all that I have lent unto my beloved wife that is not yet given my will and desire is that at her decease that it should be equally divided between all my heirs namely Nathan Blanchard Jonathan Blanchard Sepu Blanchard Josiah Blanchard William Blanchard Martha Blanchard Elizabeth Blanchard Silveent Blanchard and Mary Ann Blanchard. Also my will and desire is that if any of the boys should die under age of twenty one without an heir that their part of the land should go to the other boys. I nominate and appoint my son Nathan Blanchard and my wife executor or executrices my two executors to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of November 1823

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us William Damm Jordan Sepu & Elizabeth Seal Josiah Blanchard Seal