

William S Boykin's Will

In the name of God Amen I William S Boykin of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being of disposing mind do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following to wit

Item 1st It is my will and desire that my Executor hereafter after named shall enowly of my estate to pay my last debts and that receive a liberal compensation for his trouble I also wish him to settle the business of Amos Barnes and so far as I am concerned as trustee and that he have the same compensation that I would be entitled to though I had settled it

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved Brother John F Boykin all my property that come by me after the death of my wife Martha S Boykin and after paying my last debts with the understanding that if Martha S Boykin is the longest lived and is not married at her death she is to have it from him if not he is to have and hold the same to dispose of as he may think proper

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all of the property that I have or may hereafter win by marrying her my Martha S Boykin to have and to hold forever

Item 4th I do nominate and appoint my Brother John F Boykin Executor to this my last will & Testament given under my hand and seal this 17 day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty three

signed seal and
shewen in the presence of

Wm S Boykin *Test*

William A Hays

William A Barnes

State of North Carolina
Northampton County

Co. Court March Sep. 1844

This paper containing the will produced in open Court by John F. Boykin the testator named was duly proved by the oath of Wm A Hays one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will & Testament of William S. Boykin and the same was ordered to be Certified by the Clerk and the said last will to be recorded. And John F. Boykin the said testator named then came into open Court and was duly qualified as such.

Test. Thos. Hughes *Att*

James Vaughan's Will

In the name of God Amen

This Indenture made and entered into this 15th day of Oct. A.D. eighteen hundred & forty three

Witnesseth that I James Vaughan of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being sick and afflicted of Body but of sound mind and reason, do make this to be my last Will and Testament viz - 1st I give and bequeath unto my nephew Thomas Bolden one half of all my Land to be divided in such a manner as will make his part to fall in the Land which I bought of Sipe Stephens dividing same by worth ~~and~~ p. acre, and not by quantity -

2nd I give and bequeath all the balance of my land to my son James Vaughan fairly containing my dwelling and running to such dividing line as may be made between him and my nephew Thomas Bolden -

3rd It is my will and desire that my wife Ellen Vaughan shall have out of the income of my property annually such sum as my Executor shall deem necessary to her decent support and comfort in no case restricting her from any thing that be judged reasonable for this purpose - This provision to be made before the foregoing sections can take effect -

4th - It is my will and desire that all of my Chattel Estate together with my horse, stock, &c shall be sold to pay my just debts -

5th - If the property mentioned in the foregoing section should prove insufficient to pay my just debts then it is my will and desire that one or more of my negroes shall be sold for this purpose, reserving out of such sale one negro girl named Candice which I give and bequeath to my nephew Thos Bolden at the death of my wife -

6th - After paying my just debts in the manner specified it is my will and desire that the balance of my negroes if any should be hired out together with the one before set apart for my nephew Thos Bolden for the support of my wife as long as she lives in the manner stated and if any surplus for it to go to the support and Education of my son James Vaughan fairly -

7th - I give and bequeath at the death of my wife all the remainder of my negroes to my son James Vaughan fairly -