

Lion Wheelers Will

In the Name of God Amen I Lion Wheeler of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being sound in body though of sound mind and good understanding thanks be given to Almightie God for the same do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament in the following manner & form. Viz,

First I Give to my beloved Brother Joseph H. Wheeler three head of Cattle, 1 Brandy Still, Worn & but five head of Dogs to him & his heirs forever also thirty three acres of land adjoining the lands of Harriet Calvert others to be divided equally between him & my Sister Mary Wheeler and after her Marriage or death I Give the same thirty three acres to Joseph H. Wheeler & his heirs forever.

Second, I Give to David M. Varnopham & James H. Wheeler three head of Cattle to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.

Third, I Give and bequeath to my Sister Mary Wheeler eight head of Cattle 1 Bed and furniture, and a parcel of feathers, 1 Blue sheet and 2 small trunks, also eleven head of Geese, five head of Dogs to her & her heirs forever.

Fourth, I Give my Wife the my two remaining hams of tallow left her also two yokes of Oxen for the use of the plantation.

Fifth, It is my Will, if I should have any money left after paying the debts that may occur during my life, for the same to be equally divided between Henry Wheeler Sr. Mary Wheeler Joseph H. Wheeler & David Wheeler heirs, viz David, James, Lion & Sampson Wheeler.

Lastly I Nominate and Appoint my Brother Joseph H. Wheeler my Executor to this my last Will and Testament, having nothing contrary Exceutor to this my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of March 1839.

Signed Seal & Acknowledged in the presence of us James L. Flyte - David Daffin

Northampton County September Court 1839
This last Will and Testament of Lion Wheeler a/c was Exhibited in Open Court & proved in due form of Law by the Oaths of James L. Flyte & David Daffin the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. Ordered by the Court that the Will be copied & recorded Whereupon Joseph H. Wheeler the Executor therein named qualified as the Law directs.

Lester M. Patterson cks

James Fennell's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I James Fennell being sound in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner as follows.

Item 1st I Give to my wife Sally Fennell the use of all my Land & Tenements, all my Stock of Hogs, Cattle Horses &c together with my house hold & Kitchen furniture, Farming utensils, Cattle & Wharves and all Claims due to me whatever nature and also all my other property not herein named to her use & her natural life after paying all my just debts, and at her death my Will and desire is that the above named property be equally divided between my five Children, viz Sally Fennell, James Fennell, James H. Fennell, Mary S. Fennell and Little Mary Fennell; to them and their heirs forever. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty nine.

Signed Seal & Acknowledged
in presence of
Jordan Peale
David H. Lupton
Jasper H. Fennell

James Fennell (Test)

Northampton County September Court 1839.

This last Will & Testament of James Fennell a/c was Exhibited in Open Court and proved in due form of Law by the Oaths of Jordan Peale one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. Ordered by the Court that the Will be recorded.

Lester M. Patterson cks

December Court 1839. On Motion, administration was the Will annexed of the said James Fennell was granted to Sally Fennell who entered into bond in the penalty of Five Thousand dollars on condition to wit: With William Eastland and Michael Eastland Executors, and qualified as the Law directs.

Lester M. Patterson cks