

22 Araron Parker's Will

I Araron Parker of County of Northampton and State of North Carolina do make my last will and Testament in manner and form following (writ) first I leave to my wife Mary Parker one third part of the land where I now live also negro Jordan and Lucy also I give two sons and pigs two guns and hounds one feather bed and furniture one powder dish and haddon one watch Bole four sitting chairs also one they were by the name of Will. humbly. I give unto my Daughter Eliza proper wife of William Graper one fourth part of my land where he now lives to him and his heirs forever. Thirdly I give unto my Daughter Martha Hicks one fourth part of my land where she now lives to her and her heirs forever. Fourthly I give unto my Daughter Anne Graper one fourth part of my land where said Graper now lives to her and her heirs forever. Fifthly I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Glover the wife of John Glover one fourth part of my land where said Glover now lives to her and her heirs forever. Sixthly It is my will and desire that the negroes I have my wife and all the other property not of value away after paying my just debts be equally divided among all my children above named. Lastly I do nominate John Glover my only Executor of this my last will and Testament in full confidence that he will carry the same in to effect in all things whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of August 1830.

Witness present Araron Parker

Alexander Tubbs of Will. Tubbs.

Northampton County June Court 1831.

This last will and Testament of Araron Parker do, as is to be seen in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oaths of Alexander Tubbs & Will. Tubbs the subscribing witnesses then be witness upon John Glover the Executor named in the will & qualified according to law once in solemn Oath to be testified and recorded.

Joel Ketchum Clerk

Benjamin Sharrod Will

In the name of God amen. I Benjamin Sharrod of the County of Northampton & State of North Carolina do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows (writ). I leave unto my wife Sally all of the personal estate which will be coming to me from my father's estate during of her natural life or widowhood.

Provided she should have an heir by me at my death and desire that she should take care of ~~the~~ said property at her death & mortgage. Should she child be the longest liver, I give and bequeath all of the said property to said child it is my wish that the crop should be continued and sold to pay my just debts. Item 2^d. Provided my wife should not have an heir by me. I give and bequeath unto my sister Susan Martha & Sally Sharrod all of the land which will be coming to me from my father's estate to them and their heirs forever but should my wife have a child by me I give and bequeath the said land to the child if it should be a longer lived than either of my sisters and if the child should die without heir for my sister to have the land as soon given should either of my sisters die without heir it is my wish that the surviving one should have the 2^d Land. Item 3^d. I give and bequeath unto my wife Sally her choice of my dress and furniture to her and her heirs forever and the balance of my property not named I have to be sold. Should my wife die without an heir by me it is my wish the all of the property I have left her should return to my surviving Brothers and Sisters or their heirs forever. I do constitute and appoint John D. Legett my true and lawful Executor to this my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Witness Augustus Moore & Ethelreda S. Taylor Benjamin Sharrod

Northampton County June Court 1831.

This last will and Testament of Benjamin Sharrod after exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oaths of Augustus Moore & Ethelreda S. Taylor the subscribing witnesses then be witness upon John D. Legett the Executor then named & qualified with Law demands once in solemn Oath to be testified and recorded.

Joel Ketchum Clerk

John Popes Will.

In the name of God amen. I John Popes do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows (writ). I leave unto my wife Martha all my estate after paying of my just debts during of her natural life and after her death to be equally divided among my surviving children to them and their heirs forever. I do nominate and appoint James Jackson & John D. Legett my true and lawful Executors in all things whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of April 1831.

Witness John Sharrod & Ethelreda S. Taylor John Popes