

James D. Sumner Will.

In the Name of God Amen, Know all men by these presents that I James D. Sumner living of some Days past my Mind and Memory make and ordain this my Last will and Testament and I do hereby declare every and all other Wills made by me at any time of my said.

Article 1. it is my wish that my Executor collect all the money that is due me and pay it at my great debts and after that Equally among the balance between all my Children.

Article 2. I send unto my dear wife Martha Sumner during the natural life of Mr. Waddington the plantation whereon I now live also to her my Son James Sumner and his wife Anna and their family to gather with all the balance of my estate Real and Personal also all my Stock of every kind and nature together with all my household & kitchen furniture my tools and easies is that nothing to lose But that all remain together for the Benefit of my dear wife and Children it is my wish that of from the proceeds of the aforementioned property my wife shall my Children in the best Proportions manner.

Article 3. At the death of my dear wife Martha I give and bequeath to her son James D. Sumner equal shares between my dear Children Anna Sumner and Sally Sumner also Eliza Sumner also to whom Henry Sumner and I promise that my dear wife shall to the birth of any Child a Child or Children shall be entitled to an equal share of all the aforementioned property and money. The intention of the testator is that my dear wife keep all my Estate and Chattels together until her death the above named property withouts more ever be equally divided between our my Children.

Article 4. I nominate Constitute and appoint to my dear wife Martha Sumner Executor to this my Last Will and Testament this 1st October instant in the year 1841

Signed sealed with the presence of

Harriet Foster
Mrs. M. Edwards

James D. Sumner Esq.
his
wife

Nashville County March 1st 1842. This last will and Testament of James D. Sumner dec'd was presented into Probate and approved by the Court of Probate & he the Testator the Subscribing witnesses thereto are ready to be Certified and recorded. Thereupon Martha Sumner the Executrix thereto named (qualified as the Law directs) into H. W. Bottoms (Clerk)

Suzanna Warding's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I Suzanna Warding of the County of Nashvillle in State of North Carolina being of sound of body but of some age infirm mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament setting to mind the mortality of man also that it is appointed for us to die I recommend the soul to God who giveth life of a joyful resurrection of the same and to what a wondrous goods it has placed you to sleep me with a sleep of in the following manner (Fouch).

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Richahel T. Ward 100 dollars to be paid her by my Executor ten dollars annually until the whole is paid. Provided the loss of the slaves she I give to my dear son W. H. Ward and Sons Warding to them and their heirs forever.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha S. Purple Ten Dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my Brother James D. Fox one hundred dollars to be divided in the hands of my Executor until he arrives to the age of twenty one years and then for him to receive the same with interest from the time of the settlement of my estate & his and his heirs forever previous to his to become of age whence he die I give it to my son James W. Warding and my daughter Ann Harris to them and their heirs forever. Item 4th After the payment of the above legacies my last debt and other expenses that may accrue I give and bequeath to my son James W. Warding and my daughter Ann Harris the whole of my Estate both real and personal to be equally among them between them & their heirs forever And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son James W. Warding Executor to this my last Will and Testament witness whereof I have caused to be witnessed this 25th day of January A.D. 1842. Intersigned before me this day.

Attest J. J. Smith

Richard S. Miller

Nashville County March 1st 1842. This last will and Testament of Suzanna Warding was exhibited into open Court and proven by the oaths of J. J. Smith and Richd. S. Miller the subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be certified and recorded whereupon James W. Warding the Executor named qualified as the Law directs. Date H. W. Bottoms (Clerk)

Elijah Popps Will

In the name of God Amen, I Elijah Popps of Nashvillle County State of N. Carolina being this day dead in mind though weak in body, and knowing the length of days allotted to me have thought it advisable to make and retain this my last Will and Testament hereby making void all others previously made by me.

Item 1st I command my soul to the care of Almighty God trusting that he will forgive all of my sins committed from the earliest date of my creation up to the present moment and receive me to rest.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath unto Suzanna Poppes