

Jesse Underwood's Will.

In the name of God amen. I Jesse Underwood of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of disposing mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form to wit:

First, I have unto my beloved wife Christian Underwood my land and plantation whereon now live - with all the appurtenances thereto belonging during her natural life, and after her death, I give and bequeath unto my son Jesse Norman Underwood the said land and plantation with all the appurtenances thereto belonging to him and his heirs forever.

Secondly, I have unto my son Moses Underwood the land and plantation whereon he now lives containing by estimation one hundred acres during his natural life and after his death it is my will and desire that the said land and plantation be sold for the best price that can be obtained and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided between my children - the living to them and their heirs forever.

Thirdly, I have unto my beloved wife Christian Underwood my negroes Jacob & Beck during her life and after her death I give and bequeath the said negroes unto all my children then living to be equally divided between them to share and their heirs forever.

Fourthly, as to the remaining part of my estate of every description whatever after the payment of my just debts it is my will and desire that be equally divided among my wife Christian Underwood & all my children then living which I give to them and theirs forever.

Fifthly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Nathaniel Calvert my Executor to this my last will & Testament revoking all other wills or Testaments by me heretofore made and declaring this to be my last will & Testament. Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of January A.D. 1830.

Signed sealed published
and declared in presence of
Witness

Jesse Underwood

Wm. G. Gentry
John W. Vaughan
Moses

Northampton County June Court 1831.

This last will and Testament of Jesse Underwood read and entered in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Wm. G. Gentry one of the subscribing witnesses due to whom upon oath Robert Qualified as the Exam. for them sworn and on motion ordered to be Certified & recorded.

State. Nathaniel Calvert

Abraham Darden's Will.

In the name of God amen. I Abraham Darden of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do hereby be God for the same, do publish this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First, I have unto my beloved wife Sarah Darden the use of the whole of my tract of land known and called Woods place during her natural life. I also gave unto my wife Sarah Darden one negro woman named Rachel to her and her heirs forever. I also had her three negroes named Althea, Ned & Jerry during her natural life also I give to my wife Sarah Darden the following property (to wit) one horse saddle and bridle, one riding chair and harness two cows and calves two pigs and lambs two sows & pigs & four head of other hogs her three two stanzas and one feather bed the furniture on Chest six sitting chairs two picture frames six picture plates & one table to her and her heirs forever.

Now my will and desire is for the balance of my personal Estate be sold and the money arising therefrom to pay all my just debts and if any balance after paying my debts to be for the use of my son John Darden. Also I gave unto my son John Darden all my lands negroes named Althea, Ned & Jerry after the death of my wife Sarah. I further give unto my son John Darden five negroes named Sam, Cedar, Isaac, Leah & Henry to him and his heirs forever in consequence of the said Sarah Darden having lawful issue but of the said John Darden what disposition lawful issue then in that case my will & desire is for the whole of the property left to John Darden to be made to my two nephews Nicholas Darden & Edmund Darden sons of my Brother Nicholas Darden to them and their heirs forever, both share alike, and do further nominate my friend James Stillwood my whole and sole executor to this my last will and Testament - Revoking all other wills hereby me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 5th day of July 1827.

Signed sealed and declared by me Abraham Darden the Testator in presence of us of the above present - at the time of signing under sealing thereof.

Nicholas Darden
Nathan Johnson

Abraham Darden
Nathaniel

Northampton County June Court 1831.

This last will and Testament of Abraham Darden read and entered in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Nathan Johnson - upon oath subscribing witnesses due to whom upon oath J. H. Wood & the Court then in name qualified according to laws one or more to be certified and recorded.

State. Nathaniel Calvert