

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 the 17 day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty three

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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 test therein 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 test therein named then came into open Court and was duly qualified as such.

Test Thos. Hughes *Clk*

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 -

8th - If my negro remaining after paying my great debts should not hire for a sufficiency to support my wife in the manner stated then it is my desire that my Land should be rented out for this purpose and if this should prove insufficient then it is my desire that my Negroes or so many of them as may be necessary shall be sold for this purpose and if these fail, then a part or all of my Land sold for the same.

9th - If the hire of my Negroes after paying my debts that are just should be sufficient for the support of my wife as above stated then it is my desire that my Land should be distributed as first above stated -

10th - It is my further desire that Mrs Margaret Haughton shall remain at the place where she is now living for four years free of rent - But without whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this day and date above written -

Signed & sealed & delivered James his Daughan Seal
in the presence of
Thomas H. Watson
Malachi Fubute
James H. Jorcy

Advised - I do make and appoint my friend Jesse Stephens to be my Executor and in case he refuses to qualify, I then appoint my friend M. S. Cleveland, Signed sealed & delivered

in presence of
Thomas H. Watson
Malachi Fubute
James H. Jorcy

Northampton County December Court 1863 - This last will and Testament of James Daughan dec. was exhibited in open Court and passed by the oath of Thomas H. Watson and James H. Jorcy two of the subscribing witnesses thereto were ordered to be recorded, Whereupon Jesse Stephens the Executor therein first named qualified as the Law directs -
Jesse Stephens Clerk

John L. Wilkins' Last Will

I John L. Wilkins Son of the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain the following as my last Will and Testament - Clause first - I will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of any part of my estate, which my Executor may choose, and I hereby empower and authorise him to sell such part of my estate as he may think best to effect this clause.

2nd - I give and bequeath all rest or remainder of my estate of every description to Rebecca A. Proctor (my sister) during life or widowhood, which was may last longest to her own use with remainder over after her marriage or death to be equally divided between William Edward Proctor and Alexander John Proctor her sons, if Sally Jones Proctor her daughter lives to be married, let my estate be divided into three equal parts, one of which I wish to be put into the hands of trustees, and the proceeds to be annually paid to her (i.e.) Sally Jones Proctor, and free from the control of her husband, and if she dies without children living at her death, then her part is to go to Wm Edward Proctor and Alexander John Proctor to them and their heirs forever, and I hereby bequeath all the residue of my estate to the said William Edward and Alexander John Proctor, and their heirs for ever after the determination of the said particular estate to Rebecca A. Proctor -

3rd - By way of explanation of the second clause I say that I bequeath all my estate after R. A. Proctor's death or marriage to be equally divided between William Edward Proctor and Alexander John Proctor and their heirs for ever, except what is heretofore given to R. A. Proctor and Sally Jones Proctor. Given under my hand this 6th of April 1862 - John L. Wilkins Jr.

Advised - I hereby appoint my brother Edmund Wilkins Executor to this my last will, and if he will accept and act I bequeath to him five thousand dollars to be paid out of my estate -
John L. Wilkins Son
April 9th 1862