

Testament together with the codicil thereto annexed of James H. Bond and was published in open court & proved in due form of Law (to wit) the will by the oaths of Alfred Starkey & James Sherry the subscribing witnesses thereto and the codicil annexed thereto by the oaths of Alfred Starkey & Sidney Cobb the subscribing witnesses thereto and I ordered by the court that the will & the codicil thereto annexed be ratified & recorded whereupon Collier W. Raring ^{Minors & Ward} of the executors named in said will qualified as the Law directs.

Test. Wm. H. Wilkins att.

William H. Wilkins Will

I William H. Wilkins of the County of Northampton & State of North Carolina do constitute & appoint this my last Will & Testament.

I give & bequeath to my sons Edmund Wilkins & John S. Wilkins my Hindlar Farm on Roanoke river in the lower part of Northampton County containing thirteen fifty one acres, to them & their heirs & assigns forever & the lands I purchased of Isaac Williams & the lands I purchased of James H. Bond adjoining the same & I have given & delivered as an advancement to Edmund Wilkins forty one negroes on the 1st January 1831 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand to him & his heirs forever & I have given & delivered as an advancement to John S. Wilkins the ten forty negroes on 1st January 1831 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand to him & his heirs forever.

I give & bequeath to my son W. H. Wilkins to him & his heirs forever one half of the lands I purchased of Peter Woodling on Roanoke river & the lands I purchased of Lewis Patton & wife adjoining the same & the lands I purchased of Arthur Ring & wife & the lands I purchased of William & Edward Executors on Roanoke river & the lands I purchased of Charles R. Eaton adjoining the same & the lands I purchased of Franklin Vincent & wife & the lands I purchased of Michael Vincent to him & his heirs & assigns forever attesting to the said W. H. Wilkins the upper half of all the lands containing my dwelling house in his half & I have given & delivered as an advancement to W. H. Wilkins forty negroes on 1st Jan'y 1831 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand to him & his heirs forever.

I give & bequeath to my grandsons Edmund Brodnax my grand son John Brodnax my grand daughter Sally S. Brodnax children of my daughter Anna R. Brodnax & Alexander Brodnax the other half of the tract of lands decessed above to W. H. Wilkins attesting to them the lower part of the lands to them & their heirs forever & I give

the Henry one half to them & the other half to my son W. H. Wilkins; And whereas by the construction of the last Will & Testament of Alexander Brodnax is now deceased in Roanoke with Henry Custom Virginia, Ann Rebecca Brodnax his widow at his death a marriage was had to account for say Edward Sally S. John Brodnax children of Alexander Brodnax & A. R. Brodnax the sum of Five thousand dollars the amount of Alexander Brodnax's personal estate consisting of money, house hold furniture book & other which I know was not his intention or desire that this should account for to them or his Executors but was occasioned by a mistake in the copy of said Brodnax's Will & Testament & now to accomplish what I know was his true intention.

I do hereby revoke & make null & void the clause in the my last Will & Testament dividing to the said Edward Sally S. John Brodnax my grand children one half of my land in the upper part of Northampton County North Carolina on Roanoke river as well appear in my will & Testament above. If my said grand children then hereafter as they come of the age of twenty one year fail or refuse to relinquish to their Mother her heirs & all claimants for the said Five thousand dollars & give a full discharge to her for the same from demands & the demand from the Executors of Alexander Brodnax for the same, when their said Mother Anne Raring is dead, I do hereby desire & desire that their Mother ~~then~~ her heirs & Executors shall have a fresh simple estate in the said land of the share of either of the said children their heirs or Executors, who shall fail or refuse to give their Mother a full discharge & acquittance from all demands for the said Five thousand dollars & amount as they come of age.

I have given & delivered as an advancement to Alexander Brodnax in his life time forty negroes on 1st Jan'y 1831 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand to him & his heirs forever which he has devised away by his last Will & Testament.

I have advanced to my daughter Elizabeth S. Bruce & her husband James C. Bruce Ten thousand dollars in her & satisfaction of her & his portion or share of my present Landless estate, which I have advanced from them & I have delivered as an advancement to James C. Bruce & Elizabeth S. Bruce forty negroes on 1st Jan'y 1834 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand & seal.

I give & bequeath to my son Edm^d Wilkins & John S. Wilkins all the stock of horses cattle & sheep on the Land I have given them & the House hold Furniture I have given them.

I give & bequeath to my sons W. H. Wilkins all the stock of Horses & sheep & cattle

on the lands I have given them & the Household Furniture I have given them.

I give & bequeath to my three grand children all the stock of Horses & cattle & on the lands I have given them.

I will & desire that all the balance of my Estate after paying my debts may be legally divided into five parts amongst all my children & if either of them should be dead, that their children should be added to the same; I appoint my Brother John & William Eden & William John & William Jr. & William & James & Bruce Executors of my last Will & Testament & to act in the same without giving security; I earnestly call the attention of my Executors to the special care & attention of my daughter & her children. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18th Oct 1846

Witness
James Vincent,
J. B. Putney
Esqrs.

Northampton County Court 1846

On motion the last Will & Testament of William R. Wilkins dec'd is ordered to be admitted to probate the same having been duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of James Vincent & Edmund Jones Subscribing Witnesses thereto to have been duly executed by the Testator when he was of sound mind & disposing memory according to Law & thereupon the said Will is admitted to probate on the proofs aforesaid & Humphrey John & Wilkins Jr. one of the Executors named in said last Will & Testament, is permitted to qualify as such. Which he did accordingly. Ordered that the Will be recorded.

Teste Wm. Bottom Clerk

Dorothy Benns Will

I Dorothy Benns of the County of Northampton and State of Massachusetts do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows

1st It is my wish that my Ex^r shall first read such a will over my grave as he may think proper and then divide my grave and my husband in a just and manner and the expense to be paid out of my Estate.

2nd I leave to my Mother Nancy Davis two negroes. New David & one black the

the first choice during her life and at her death to My C. Edwards. The said negroes are to be held by my Ex^r or a trustee and the profits arising therefrom to be paid to my Mother Annely; in case my Mother should survive her husband (Sterling Davis) then she can take the said negroes in possession during her life.

3rd I leave to Nonperance Davis wife of John Davis two negroes Sarah and Jim during her life but if she should have a lawful heir of her body then she is to have said negroes and in case as aforesaid.

4th I give to Benjamin I Benson son of J. H. Benson negro man Elias to him and his heirs forever.

5th I give to My C. Edwards the following negroes Dennis, Dice, Hannah, Ann, Easter & Solomon to him and his heirs forever.

6th I leave to my Sister Mary Davis the second choice of my lands during her life and at her death to My C. Edwards but if she should survive her father (Sterling Davis) then to his heirs.

7th I give to Philip Parker my Blackman & Silver Candelstick to her and her heirs forever.

8th I give to Sally Parker wife of Philip Parker a piece of Sattin which I have containing eighteen yards.

9th I give to Mary Sartin fifty dollars for services rendered.

10th It is my wish for the balance of my property to be sold and my just debts paid and if there is any balance it is my wish first to go to My C. Edwards to him and his heirs forever.

I nominate and appoints Chas. Magel Ex^r to my last will & Testament. Oct 30th 1846.

Witness
R. F. Northington
Solomon Hy

Dorothy Benn

Northampton County December Court 1846

This last Will & Testament of Dorothy Benn dec'd was Exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the Oath of R. F. Northington one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. On Motion it is ordered that the Will be certified. Whereupon Charles Magel the Executor therein named qualified at the Law directed.

Teste Wm. Bottom Clerk