

DONE IN THE PRESENTS OF

JOHN JOHNSTON.
ANN HADNOT.

ONslow COUNTY:

IN COURT Dec term 1807; This Will of Daniel Jenkins was proved in open Court by Ann Hadnot One of the testametary witnesses thereto & Sarah Jenkins the Executrix therein named qualified thereto Ordered she have letters testamentary. Atrue Copy.

ATTEST: NATH LOOMIS. C.J.

In The Name of God Amen this the 25th day of October A.D 1830
I Benjamin Jarman of Onslow County (W.C.) Cart Wheel maker and planter being in a perfect state of bodily health and of sound mind & memory but of a considerable advanced age in life and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make my last Will and Testament in manner & Form. Following that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my Soul to the hands of my Redeemer and my body to its Parent Earth to be buried at discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

And concerning such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to Bless me with in this life I dispose of in the following manner: (VIZ)

I give and bequeath my wife Esther (once a slave belonging to William Jarman of Craven County & from which Jarman I bought the said Esther) to her the said Esther's oldest son David (Once a slave but now a free man of colour of Onslow County) Commonly called David Jarman during the natural life of the said Esther and desire that the said David Jarman shall comfortably & plentifully support and maintain her the said Esther during her life.

And for the purpose of enabling the said David Jarman the better to support & maintain the said Esther his mother I give and bequeath to the said David Jarman his heirs or assigns my land and the different improvements thereof of kind on the West side of Jenkins' swamp on which I now live containing Fifty acres. I also in like manner and for the purpose aforesaid give and bequeath to the said David his heirs or assigns one other tract of land containing Fifty acres in the desert near the Royal Oak both of which tracts of land was granted to me the said Benjamin Jarman by Patents which may be seen in the proper office.

Also for the purposes aforesaid I give to the said David Jarman his heirs or assigns all my stock of every kind Horses, Cattle, & Hogs and my crop standing & growing on the premises already named or elsewhere if growing or housed as the case may be also all my plantation tools shop tools etc. of every kind house furniture together with every other article of farming utensils & house or kitchen furniture not already named I give to the said David Jarman his heirs or assigns forever.

It is also my Will and desire that the said David take the two children now in my possession into his possession that is to say Rebecca a mulatto girl that I the said Benjamin Jarman bought of Joseph Basden & raise & support her the said Rebecca to such an age as the law of (W.C.) declar as freeborn female children free then it further & lastly my free will & desire that the said David his heirs or assigns as the case may be set the said Rebecca free after the term of servitude to him or them is fully accomplished (the said Rebecca being born a slave & child of color). Also that he the said David Jarman take into his possession the other child above named a boy child named Ben a child of color & son of Cassey a slave which slave Cassey I bought also of the aforesaid Joseph Basden and that said David Jarman hold in his possession use & service the said boy child of colour named Ben till he the said Ben arrived to the age of twenty Five years to enable him the said David Jarman the better & more cheerfully thence forward to emancipate & set free the said boy child Ben & defray the expenses incident or accidentally attending such Emancipation or setting free the said boy or man Ben & for & in consideration of the several gifts devised or bequests made by me the said Benjamin Jarman to him the said David Jarman I strictly enjoin it as his the said David's duty and my particular request that he set the said children Rebecca & Ben free for & during their lives according to the laws enforced concerning the Emancipating or setting colored slave born children free at his the said David's expense after the term of their servitude aforesaid is Expired.

And lastly I the said Benjamin do nominate and appoint my long known & trusty friend Edward Williams dec and my son the aforesaid David Jarman the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament which has been distinctly & repeatedly read to me & by me approved of denying every other Will or Wills by alleged to have ever been made in witness whereof I the said Benjamin Jarman do here set my hand and seal & in presence of

James Glenn &
James Wallacehis
Benjamin J Jarman
markState of North Carolina:
Onslow County:

Court of pleas quarter sessions November Term 1837.
then was the Will of Benjamin Jarman offered for probate and admitted on the Oath of James Glenn and David Jarman one of the Executors therein named qualified in due form of Law.

Jasper Etheridge Clerk

I, Benjamin Jenkins of the County Onslow & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form that is to say

FIRST: That my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body, A decent burial suitable To the wishes of my relation & Friends and pay all funeral Expense together with my just debts how so ever and whose so ever owing out of the money that may first come into first hands as a part of parcel of my estate.

ITEM: I give once devise unto my beloved wife Patsy Jenkins two choice beds & furniture .Two choice Sows and Pigs & four choice stock of bees. All the domestic fowls and Poltry and all the provisions that may be on hand at the time of my death.

ITEM: I give and bequath to my eldest daughter widow of Adam Deale one dime to be paid by my Executor within two years from the time of my death two be here absolutely forever.

ITEM: I, give and bequeath unto my eldest son Asa Jenkins one dime as his rite and property for ever to be paid by my Executor in the same manner as the last bequeath and is made under the same views in reference to the former advancement.

ITEM: I, give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Canady wife of Elijah Canady the sum of one dime as her write and property forever to be paid by Executor in the same manner as the last bequath and is made under the same views in reference to the former advancement.

ITEM: I Give and bequath unto my youngest sone Edmond Jenkins the sum of one dime as his rite and property forever to be paid my Executor in the same manner as the last bequath and is made under the same views in reference to the former advancement.

ITEM: I Give and bequeath unto my youngest daughter Eliza Edens wife of James Edens the sum of one dime as her rite and property forever to be paid by my Executor in the same manner as the last bequath and is made under the same views in reference to the former advancement.

And lastly, I do thereby constitute and appoint my Trusteer friend Elijah Beasley & Elijah Justice Jr. my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my Last Will and Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part and clause thereof Thereby revoking & declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me hereto for made.

In witness whereof I the said Benjamin Jenkins do thereunto set my hand & Seal this March 22 day A.D. 1854.

Signed, Sealed Published and declared by the said Benjamin Jenkins to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witness thereto.

WITNESS:
E.J. BEASLEY
R.W. JUSTICEhis
BENJAMIN J JINKINS SR.
mark

ITEM: My Will is that all the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the devised and Legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payments of debts expenses & Legacies that such surplus should go to my beloved wife to have and to hold To her Executors & Administrators and assigns absolutely for ever.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:
ONslow COUNTY:

Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions September Term 1855.
Then was the foregoing paper writing offered and admitted to probate on the testimony of E.J. Beasley & R.W. Justice the subscribing witness hereunto as the Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Jenkins Sr. deced, and ordered by the Court to be recorded & filed as such, when Elijah Beasley one of the Executors qualified.

JASPER ETHERIDGE CLK